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Ada, Oklahoma

Jared Willis latest Chickasaw Purple Heart recipient

Chickasaw soldier survives attack, completes Iraq duty

After nearly a year in Iraq, where he survived an explosion, suffered through sandstorms, weathered intense heat and made the best of difficult living conditions, Jared Willis, a 22-year-old Chickasaw soldier from Mannsville, Okla., returned home feeling U.S. efforts helped make a difference for the people of Iraq.

"I think their life over there is getting better," said Spc. Willis. "I hope we made a change."

"I don't really know, but people have talked about how it was when Saddam was there and how everybody was scared of him. Everybody was working to make him happy. And now they seem like they're working for

themselves, trying to make their own lives better."

Spc. E-4 Willis was among the members of the 1245th Transportation Company that was deployed Feb. 10, 2003 and returned to Ardmore, Okla., March 19 of this year.

"Jared makes us all very proud," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "We commend him, and all the members of the 1245th, for their bravery, devotion to service and willingness to sacrifice their own safety for the sake of others."

In addition to the difference in attitude among the Iraqi people, Spc. Willis said he also saw signs that infrastructure, municipal services and the economy were

beginning to improve.

"When we got there, they were throwing money at us," said Spc. Willis. "The Iraqi dinars with Saddam's picture, they'd just give them to us. They'd get tired of them and it was like 'Here.'"

"Now their money is starting to be worth something, since they came out with the new dinars without his picture on it."

Spc. Willis, who was a gunner on a Humvee in Iraq, earned a Purple Heart for his service after his truck was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) in early September.

After that experience, he and other members of his platoon made the decision to harden their trucks in case of future attacks.

To protect against future attacks, they replaced the standard issue window with a metal one and placed a metal cage around the gunner's area, making sure the gun could still rotate and

operate normally.

Those reinforcements almost certainly saved Spc. Barrett

See Jared Willis, page 14



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry shake hands following the recent state legislature approval of the gaming compact. Both governors supported the legislation.

KADA recognized for excellence



Roger Harris

A D A ,
O k l a .
KADA, the
Ada AM and
FM station
owned by
Chickasaw
Enterprises,
will be hon-

ored this month for its excellence in broadcasting.

The station has been notified by the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters (OAB) that it will receive four Achievement Awards at the OAB annual conference April 7.

KADA will receive awards for Best Sportscast, Best 30-Second Commercial, Best Station Image Promotion and Best Event

Promotion. The final award is to be given KADA for the station's highly successful "Cancun Treasure Hunt," conducted last summer.

"Being recognized by your peers, including the big Oklahoma City stations, is a great honor," KADA general manager Roger Harris said. "These awards say a lot for the great staff we have here at KADA."

Winning four Achievement Awards, Harris said, represents a personal best for KADA.

"We have been fortunate in the past to win one, maybe two in a year," Harris said. "We've never won four before. We're elated."

KADA competes in the Ada market, which is home to five independent stations and one cable provider.

KADA was purchased by Chickasaw Enterprises in 1996. KADA's FM is a country music station whose signal is found at 99.3. KADA-AM, at 1230, is a sports talk format.

OU students learning government



Governor Anoatubby recently met with several University of Oklahoma students to help them better understand the workings of tribal government. From left to right are Scott Templin Tara Damron, Stacy Pero, Governor Anoatubby, Barbara Hobson, Robby Jack and Steve Owens.

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CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION

David Stout Building

Ada, Oklahoma

February 20, 2004

AGENDA ITEM #1

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Linda Briggs called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2

ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert (Late arrival, 9:06), Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods

Member absent: Donna Hartman

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel, David Mitchell, Legislative Legal Assistant

Guests present: Lizette Stephens, Mike Watson, Wilma Watson, James A. Humes, Mary Johnson, Kathleen Stoner, Melvin Stoner, Ramona McKee, Cindy Johnson, Misty Barker, Tony Choate, Robert L. Cole, Jessie Kemp, Rita Loder, Tim Rhynes, Summer Stick, Rachel Wedlow, Paul Wilson, Anna Cole

AGENDA ITEM #3

INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Green.

Special Presentation

Chairperson Briggs presented Monette Richardson, Legislative Administrative Assistant, a plaque for 20 years of service to the Chickasaw Nation.

AGENDA ITEM #4

READING OF MINUTES

January 16, 2004 Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Green to approve the January 16, 2004 minutes. Dr. Goforth Parker seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2004 carried unanimously.

December 19, 2003

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to approve the December 19, 2003 minutes.

Mr. Seawright seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of December 19, 2003 carried unanimously.

September 19, 2003

Chairperson Briggs noted a typographical error on page six of the minutes.

Mrs. Alexander made a suggestion to table the September 19, 2003 minutes due to citizens comments being excluded.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander to table the September 19, 2003 minutes.

Mr. Seawright seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to table the minutes of September 19, 2003 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 21-039, Authorization to Enter into Chickasaw Nation and State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact

This resolution authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to enter into a gaming compact for specific electronic games or devices, referred collectively as "authorized games," pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation with the State of Oklahoma once appropriate legislation is passed and authorized by the Oklahoma State Legislature.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve GR21-039. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott,

Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-039 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 21-040, Approval of Revised Consolidated Tribal Budget - Fiscal Year 2004

This resolution approve the revision to the Consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of \$3,512,710 and approves the revised Consolidated Tribal Budget in the amount of \$1,284,368,100.

A motion was made by Mr. Scott Colbert to approve GR21-040. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the motion.

Mr. Seawright stated he opposed the dollars for the salary increases, however, he would vote in favor of the resolution because of the \$1.2 million increase for education.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-040 carried unanimously.

Mr. Scott Colbert concluded his report

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 21-030, Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority, Brian Campbell

This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Brian Campbell to the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Trustees. Mr. Campbell is filling the seat vacated by Mr. Guy McElroy, filling the remainder of Mr. McElroy's term which would have begun on October 1, 2003.

A motion was made by Mrs. McManus to approve GR21-030. Dr. Goforth Parker seconded the motion.

Mr. Seawright stated he did not have an opposition with Mr. Campbell, however, he did serve on several other boards and committees. He felt there were others that could serve the Chickasaw Nation adequately, and those people should be considered. Mr. Seawright commented that he has asked how many other boards Mr. Campbell serves on, but has not received an answer.

A motion was made by Mr. Seawright to table GR21-030. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Alexander.

Chairperson Briggs gave the chair to the Secretary to make comments. She stated that she serves on this board, and there were only two members on the board, other than the Governor. She commented it was difficult to find people who understood electricity to serve on this board. They are in hopes the next seat would be filled

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Governor



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Deadline for submission is the 22nd of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Chickasaw Nation Health System

A decade of service, a lifetime of good health

By **BILL ANOATUBBY**
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

October 2004 will mark the tenth anniversary of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. In the decade our tribe has operated Indian health care in our service area, we have invested in quality. Our facilities, our medical professionals, our administrators and our system of care have all benefited from our tribe's attention to quality health care.

When we assumed authority for Indian health care from the Indian Health Service in 1994, it was considered a groundbreaking event. Never before had a tribe negotiated to provide medical services to its people and other Indian people in the area.

And there were doubters.

However, the Chickasaw Na-

tion had full confidence in its commitment to quality health care, and its ability to provide it.

During that time, we who serve you in your tribal government heard your concerns, and your hopes for the future. It was very clear to us that the Chickasaw people rated quality health care at the top of their list of needs. Chickasaws of all ages would be affected by our efforts regarding the Chickasaw Nation Health System.

So, we listened and we made changes and instituted new services you told us you needed. We established administrative authority designed to support and enhance excellent Indian health care. We sought out medical professionals – physicians, nurses, physician assistants, pharmacists, technicians – who were the very best in their fields and who would understand and



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

follow through on our commitment. We invested in new equipment, new facilities and upgraded our existing hospital and clinics. We restructured our health care organization to better respond to the needs of our valued patients.

We built the Family Practice Clinic, a hugely popular medical facility for the entire family. We are currently building a clinic in

Purcell as part of our commitment to bring quality health care close to people's homes.

And we will, on April 6, celebrate the grand opening of the Diabetes Care Center at Carl Albert Hospital. We made a commitment early to work hard on behalf of our diabetic patients, and for those at risk of contracting the disease. We all know diabetes affects many, many Indian people. With the Diabetes Care Center, we are bringing together all the specialists, equipment and expertise in

a one-stop, convenient facility. Our goal is to help our people with diabetes live full and rich lives, and to halt the disease for future generations.

The Chickasaw Nation has invested in the health care of its people because it is the right thing to do. The people's health, happiness and well-being are the most important things a tribal government can provide.

Please join us on April 6. Let's celebrate together the lives of our Chickasaw people.

Chickasaw Senior Citizens Gift Shop

Southwest jewelry, ceramics, Chickasaw t-shirts, caps, shawls, keychains, dreamcatchers, car tags and other gift items

100 S Chamber Loop

Open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday

Postoak named Chickasaw Nation Director of Cultural Resources



Eddie Postoak

Long-time tribal employee Eddie Postoak, who has a master's degree in human resources and extensive experience working with tribal youth and education programs, has been named the Chickasaw Nation's new Director of Cultural Resources.

"Eddie understands just how important preserving and promoting our culture and heritage is to the Chickasaw people," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "He brings a desire and determination to his work that will inspire those around him to new heights of achievement."

Keeping citizens informed about the many opportunities available to learn about their

culture and heritage will be a high priority, according to Mr. Postoak.

"We really want to let people know what is available, from language classes, to flute making and stomp dances," said Mr. Postoak. "We want as many people as possible to get involved in our cultural activities."

Cultural Resources personnel offer a variety of classes and cultural demonstrations to help preserve the history, language and culture of the Chickasaw Nation.

A variety of language and cultural education classes are offered, from Head Start through adult level, throughout the Chickasaw Nation. The award-winning Chickasaw Nation Dance troupe also provides comprehensive demonstrations of Chickasaw culture at schools and other venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation and across the United States.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Gee named Director of Legal Division



Debra Gee

Debra Gee has recently been named director of the Chickasaw Nation Legal Division.

Prior to coming to work for the tribe, Ms. Gee served in the U.S. Justice Department as a Deputy Director of the Office of Tribal Justice. She has also served as Tribal Legal Counsel for the Violence Against Women Office, Office of Justice Programs.

"Ms. Gee brings an abundance of leadership experience and legal expertise to this job," said Governor Bill Anoatubby. "There is no doubt she will be a valuable asset to our legal division."

In addition to supervising staff attorneys, and continuing to prosecute criminal and juvenile justice cases on behalf of the tribe, Ms. Gee will also assist with a number of special

projects.

"My goal is to provide sound legal advice and consultation to the departments and divisions in a way that will promote tribal sovereignty and improve the quality of services provided to Chickasaw citizens," said Ms. Gee.

Ms. Gee earned her law de-

gree from Arizona State University School of Law, and currently holds bar memberships in Oklahoma, New Mexico and in the tribal courts of the Chickasaw, Muscogee, and Navajo nations.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Sulphur Boys & Girls Club moves to Armory

SULPHUR, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Club of Sulphur has moved to 500 W. Wynnewood.

Approximately one block from the Sulphur School, the new facility offers much more room than the space previously shared with the Chickasaw Nation WIC clinic at Third and Vinita streets.

Club manager Chandy Cowley invites all Murray County youth ages six to 18 to join the fun at the new location.

After-school programs from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. offer a safe and positive environment for both boys and girls.

Boys & Girls Club members can enjoy nutritious snacks, participate in Power Hour

with tutors available to help with homework and enjoy air hockey, foosball and board games in the game room.

Other benefits of membership in the Boys & Girls Club include free toys and shoes, preference to the Chickasaw Nation's Annual Junior Golf Clinic and much more.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to inspire and enable all young people to realize their full potentials as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

Annual membership is \$12.

Call club manager Chandy Cowley at (580) 618-2308 for information.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Visiting with Chickasaws offers many opportunities



**Linda Briggs
Chairman**

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

A big HELLO to all of you! We are always happy to hear from you and so pleased to know how many of you read every word in *the Chickasaw Times*. It is a primary means of communicating to you what is going on in

our Chickasaw Nation and it is very gratifying when you call or e-mail with thoughts and questions about various activities you have read about in *the Times*. We are proud of the newspaper and the good job it does.

The Legislature continues to be busy with all that is going on in the Nation. And sometimes we get a "bonus" of getting to visit with some of you who live outside the boundaries of the Nation and gather together to enjoy and be proud together of our Chickasaw heritage. One such happening occurred recently when the legislators got to visit the citizen group in San Antonio, Texas. It really was much like a looked-forward-to homecoming! We were so glad to get to be there and they really

had put a lot of effort and energy into making us feel welcome. A BIG thank you again to the San Antonio Chickasaws!

While we were in San Antonio we got to tour the offices of Chickatay who acts as the agent on the dental care provided to army bases throughout the United States by Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI). It was an added treat! Chickatay is headed up by Mark Taylor, a Chickasaw of whom we should all be proud! It was really impressive to meet the team he has put together to get the job done. Not the least of the trip was the presentation made on our own Bank2 by its CEO and President Ross Hill and by J.D. Colbert of the Bank2 Board of Directors. Mr. Colbert played an important role in our

acquisition of the bank initially. The group attending the meeting enjoyed the presentations, including the visuals used. The success of the bank is representative of the success throughout the Nation. It is one of the five fastest growing banks in the State of Oklahoma and years ahead of its original projections. (And no matter where in the United States you live you are welcome to become one of its depositors!).

Back at home inside the Chickasaw Nation we are looking forward with great anticipation to the grand opening of our long awaited Diabetic Care Center located adjacent to Carl Albert Hospital. The opening is scheduled for April 6. Elsewhere in the Nation we watch with interest

the progress made on various projects including the healthcare facility at Purcell and the additions being made to various other facilities such as the enlargement about to begin on the Thackerville gaming facility. The success there is phenomenal. And a fun part of that facility is that on Wednesdays a free big breakfast is served to anywhere from 700 to 1,200 senior citizens! It has become a big social event for the area and the seniors from many of our other sites are being bused in to enjoy the camaraderie.

It is a great honor and humbling privilege to serve you and work with you as we continue to move forward. I truly wish God's blessings on each of you in your daily lives.

Family reunions, Chi Ka Sha great ways to share



**Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislator**

Our Chickasaw heritage is so much a part of us as a Nation. I think of Spring, and then think of the many family reunions that are being planned. Visiting those family reunions is a great pleasure to me. A favorite memory I have from the Summer of 2003 is visiting the Walker family reunion and the family's annual horseshoe tournament. They had fun, and so did I.

My travels with the Chickasaw Nation have placed me in contact with members of my family that I had never met before. Working for our Chickasaw Nation Ambassador, Mr. Charles Blackwell at Pushmataha House in Washington DC, is Mr. Daron Carreiro. To our great surprise, Daron and I discovered that we are cousins. He is a descendant of the Eli Perry Goforth family. Eli Goforth and his family do-

nated the Interprise cemetery in Johnston County where many of our relatives are buried.

In Texas, I also met a Ms. Connie Almand who is also a descendent of Eli Perry Goforth. She and her family still have original allotment land near Interprise Cemetery. My plan is to introduce these two cousins that have never met.

Many families have done a better job at staying together, and are not as scattered as my family. The Great Depression and other events have caused us to be moved to a variety of places across the United States. Finding family members has been a great pleasure as I have

called many of you. The state California has many Chickasaws living there who are our family members.

One family story I have always tried to clear up is the Goforth family tie to the Maytubby family. Our families have a joint cemetery in the Choctaw Nation located near Kenefic. I had the pleasure of meeting with original enrollee Alice Maytubby Townsend before her death. Alice said that we were related. She remembered stories about my great-great-grandfather, Solomon Goforth. Any family member of the Goforth or Maytubby clan will tell you that we are related, but we have

yet to identify how that relationship can be verified. Someone out there reading this may be able to help us solve the family mystery.

These family relationships are very important. I encourage you to stay in touch. If your own family does not have a annual family reunion, plan on attending the Chi Ka Sha Reunion June 24-27 at Kullihoma. At one time, there were at least three Legislators that I could trace family roots with through the Mosely family. As some would say, we are all related.

So, I look forward to seeing you this summer at the family reunion. You can come to Kul-

lihoma in June, or Tishomingo in October for the Annual Festival. We will have good food and fellowship.

Another event that has turned into another reunion is the Cultural Evening, September 28, sponsored by the Chickasaw Foundation. You will enjoy a great evening that will include good food, good fellowship, and a cultural education.

My email address is jparker@mailclerk.ecok.edu. I would like to hear from you.

See you this summer!

Judy Goforth Parker, PhD, RN

Chickasaw Legislator
Pontotoc District
Seat 2

Committee Reports

Finance Committee, March 8, 2004

Present: Scott Colbert, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Steve Woods
March 15, 2004

Present: Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert, Steve Woods

Human Resources Committee, March 8, 2004

Present: Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus,

Donna Hartman

Legislative Committee, March 8, 2004

Present: Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Steve Woods

Court Development Ad Hoc Committee, March 15, 2004

Present: Tim Colbert, Judy Goforth Parker, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert

Historic Capitol - Ad Hoc Committee, March 8, 2004

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Melvin Burris, Linda Briggs

Absent: Scott Colbert
Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee

Present: Scott Colbert, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus

Health Committee, March 8, 2004

Present: Mary Jo Green, Holly Easterling, Wilson Seawright, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander, Dean McManus

Education Committee, March 8, 2004

Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Melvin Burris, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

Land Development Committee, March 8, 2004

Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs

Absent: Dean McManus, Steve Woods

Diabetes Clinic grand opening set for April 6



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

mative report from Bill Lance, Health Systems Administrator, which brought us up to date on current happenings in our hospital and clinics. We always appreciate the attentiveness Mr. Lance shows to your representatives and the information he so willingly shares.

Mr. Lance reported that things are moving well regarding the Purcell health care clinic. The structure is well under way and the parking lot is currently under construction. Electronic health records are now available at all branch offices and the Family Practice facility in Ada. Electronic records are the state of the art in the health industry and allow all of our providers to be knowledgeable about our complete health history. This al-

lows the providers to ensure that their treatment of us is in concert with all of our providers.

Other highlights of the Health System include the new Diabetes Clinic in Ada which will have a grand opening on April 6; plans are being made to add CATscan services at Carl Albert Hospital; HUD is awarding a grant of \$80,000 for construction of our new prescription center; and several doctor staffing changes. Dr. Mota will come on board on June 1. Dr. Mota will practice internal medicine and a general surgeon, Dr. Davis, will be joining the staff at Carl Albert. Dr. Weathers, a quality provider, will join the staff at the Ardmore Clinic to fill a recent opening. The number of catastrophic health care emergencies

has risen lately.

I also attended the Education Committee meeting on March 8. The Committee received a report from Sherri Waters, Acting Education Administrator, who reminded us that it is time to start thinking about scholarship applications for next school year. Please encourage every Chickasaw student needing assistance to make application as soon as possible. The 11th Student Appreciation Night is scheduled for April 22, 6:30 p.m., at the Pontotoc Area Technology Center. We have an outstanding education program and this night is a special time for students. Please join us if you can.

Each year, the Legislature

conducts public hearings for the following year's budget. The hearings will be in June at several places around the Nation. As the times and places are determined, I will report them to you. Please try to attend these very important hearings.

As always, I invite any comments or questions you may have. Please contact me through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times*. I look forward to speaking with you! May God bless our health care providers and also our Indian people that they may be in better health in the coming year. Thank you.

March 2004 Resolution results

General Resolution Number 21-041

Authorization to Enter into Chickasaw Nation and State of Oklahoma Gaming Compact

Explanation: This resolution authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to enter into a gaming compact pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation with the State of Oklahoma.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Steve Woods, Chairman Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number

21-043

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System

Wayne E. Roark

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Wayne E. Roark to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Mr. Roark will fill the Category D seat, which is the member-at-large.

That seat has no set term. Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus,

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Legislators in Washington



Chickasaw tribal legislators Dean McManus, Holly Easterling and Mary Jo Green visit with Anthony Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, on a recent trip to Washington, D.C.

2002-2003 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Advocates, Peacemakers work for Chickasaws

Chickasaw court system here to serve the people



Cheri Bellefeuille-El-Supreme Court Chief Justice

The District Court has been open for less than 90 days and the Judicial Department continues moving forward by adding more personnel to provide a more effective and efficient court for the Chickasaw Citizens.

The Supreme Court will be interviewing applicants for the position of Deputy Court Clerk. We will make our decision in the next couple of weeks from several qualified applicants. The Supreme Court and the

District Judge will be hiring another Court Advocate for the Chickasaw Nation District Court. Our current Court Advocate, Dustin Rowe, is working very diligently to keep up with the number of citizens who need assistance. Dustin has seen 83 scheduled clients since March 1, 2004. The Court Advocate plays a very important support roll in the District Court by facilitating the proper paper work to the Judge and explaining the district court process to citizens. The Court Advocate assists in many ways in resolving your legal issues. This is an opportunity for all Chickasaws and Native Americans with legal questions to schedule an appointment with the Court Advocate. To contact the District Court Clerk and schedule an appointment, please call (580) 235-0279.

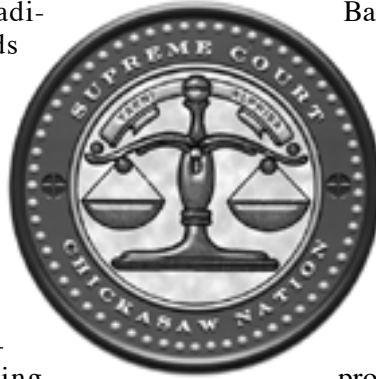
Justice Barbara A. Smith has just returned from the Ho Chunk Nation and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans

located in Wisconsin. Justice Smith visited with their Peacemakers and has returned with a report of their success rate in utilizing the traditional methods of conflict resolution. Retaining Peacemakers in the court process has been a focus of our Supreme Court and we continue seek assistance from other tribes who have been successful in employing traditional methods in their courts.

The Supreme Court is currently seeking names of elders and tribal leaders who would be interested in serving as a Peacemaker. For additional information call the Supreme Court office at: (580) 235-0281.

The Supreme Court has adopted a new seal. This seal

will be displayed along with the Chickasaw Nation seal on all Supreme Court or District Court documents. The scale represents "the Scale of Justice." In the ribbon across the top of the scale are the Chickasaw words, "Yakni Moma Alphisa" which is "Justice for a Nation." The seal was designed for the Judicial Department by Jeanne Barbour.



On March 18, 2004, we attended the Ada Community Council meeting and updated the members on the Judicial department and the growth of the services being provided to the Citizens. A presentation was given on the new Peacemaking Court. The members were given a time for questions and answers. The Judicial Seal has been made into Bedre's chocolates and was

distributed to the members in attendance. The meeting closed with the group singing Amazing Grace in Choctaw.

We appreciate the warm welcome given and the opportunity to share the enthusiasm of the department. We also will be traveling the next few months to visit with other community councils and share with you the activities going on in the department. We will be attending the Pauls Valley Community Council on April 6, 2004.

The official ribbon cutting ceremony of the new Chickasaw Nation District Court will be on April 13, 2004, at 10 a.m., 1500 N. Country Club Drive, Ada.

Please come and celebrate with us this historic occasion. We all look forward to sharing this moment in history with you. It is always indeed a privilege to serve the Chickasaw Citizens.

'Its About Money'

1907 'Tishomingo Bank' caught in chaos of statehood



J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

Legend has it that a long, long time ago, in a place not so far away, the Chickasaw Nation once owned and operated the "Bank of the Chickasaws." What isn't so legendary is that a greedy employee of the bank absconded with about \$40,000 in cash that caused the bank to come to financial ruin in 1907. The thief was never identified or caught.

Actually, there is no evidence to indicate that the Chickasaw Nation owned this bank, nor is there any evidence that the bank was actually named, "Bank of the Chickasaws." We do know that a "Tishomingo Bank" of

Tishomingo, Indian Territory was organized in May, 1901. The president of "Tishomingo Bank" was R.H. Harris, a former governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

The bank board included D.H. Johnson, the then current governor of the Chickasaw Nation, and B.H. Colbert (then serving as National Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation), and P.S. Moseley (then serving as Superintendent of Public Instruction for the Nation). Other bank board members included M.V. Cheadle, vice president of the bank, and K. Purdom, assistant cashier.

Tishomingo Bank of Tishomingo, I.T. was designated as the official depository of the Chickasaw Nation by an act of the Chickasaw legislature on November 7, 1901. Given the cross-over of various Chickasaw Nation officials serving on the bank's board of directors as well as the bank being the official depository for the Nation, it is understandable that so many people would conclude that "Tishomingo Bank" was owned by the Nation. However the bank

was privately owned, albeit by Chickasaw citizens.

Apparently, all went well until November, 1907. Recall that in these last days of Indian Territory, the Chickasaw Nation and the various tribes were in the process of being "dissolved" (or so it was thought!) to make way for the state of Oklahoma. My guess is that the "greedy cashier" was astute enough to deduce that if he were to steal the tribe's deposits at "Tishomingo Bank," state law enforcement personnel would make only token efforts at giving chase. Sadly, the thief got away with the loot.

The building that housed the "Tishomingo Bank" still stands in Tishomingo and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is a fine example of Richardsonian Romanesque style of architecture. The building now houses the Johnston County Historical Society. On the first floor there is a restored teller's cage commemorating the colorful history of the "Tishomingo Bank."

Far from being "dissolved" the Chickasaw Nation today is a

proud, prosperous and progressive Nation with approximately 50,000 members. Unlike in 1907, today the Nation actually does own a bank. Bank2 is also proud, prosperous and growing. We are fortunate to have a bank with a board and executive management who are highly respected and people of great integrity. Bank2 undergoes regular and frequent financial audits and has established processes, principles and policies to ensure the safety and soundness of bank opera-

tions and depositor's monies.

What a difference 100 years can make. Now, if only the \$40,000 that been missing for 100 years would turn up!!!

J.D. Colbert serves as a consultant to Bank2. Bank2 is a growing \$52 million full service financial institution with it's headquarters in Oklahoma City. Bank2 is owned by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money is published monthly by Bank2 as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature Business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Elders sought for healing service

Peacemaking court honors our traditions

**Justice Barbara Smith****LETTER TO THE CITIZENS
IN SEARCH OF PEACEMAKERS
FROM****JUSTICE BARBARA A. SMITH
CHICKASAW NATION
PEACEMAKING COURT***(Nanna alphi'sa ishtaa-asha ikbi)*

The Legislature of the Chickasaw Nation codified the "Peacemaking Court Act of 2003."

The purpose of the Peacemaking Court is to provide a forum for the use of traditional Chickasaw Nation methods of peacemaking to resolve disputes in a fair, informal, and inexpensive manner. The Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation is searching for Peacemakers for the first Peacemaking Court of the Chickasaw Nation. We are looking for Elders who would like to help the Court System return to tradition and culture to resolve conflicts and counsel citizens of the Nation.

PEACEMAKING

In October 2003, I was invited to the Fetzer Institute in Kalamazoo, Michigan to be a part of a group of Native American Judges and Peacemakers at the Institute's Healing and the Law Tribal Court Peacemaking Retreat. There were 20 of us from all over the United States. Together we learned and shared approaches to help the law and conflict resolution to be a more healing experience, as well as, a means to an end.

We worked in a circle of speaking and listening. We worked from a primary base that no conflict is ever resolved unless there is some healing of the parties in the resolution. From that base, we found that healing

comes when the anger and hurt is quieted, and the quiet comes when the parties have a strong cultural base and know who they are. Traditions bring to the peacemaking circle, respect for the culture and the community. As Tribes are moving forward with self-governance and prosperity, they have returned to strengthening their communities through tradition and honor of their place in the world.

We discussed how assimilation of the Native American people had disrupted the cultural base we once had. The language, the customs, the traditions were interrupted, and we are rediscovering our history. Peacemaking will be a way to resolve conflicts and through the process a way of discovering our own cultural base, reviving our language, traditions and customs. Peacemaking and community resolves were a tradition for our people. We have an opportunity to bring this back through the Peacemaking Court.

I feel honored to be a part of this journey and look forward to working with Peacemakers for our Nation.

**TRIP TO THE
HO-CHUNK NATION**

The Supreme Court Justices have been researching and planning the opening of the Nation's Peacemaking Court for several years. We have been studying Traditional Courts and Peacemaking Processes in other Tribes that have been in operation for many years.

March 3, 2004, I traveled to Wisconsin, on behalf of

the Judicial Department, to meet with Peacemakers from the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans. Chief Judge David D. Raasch, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, was my guide on this journey.

DAY 1: We traveled to Black River Falls to tour the Ho-Chunk Nation's new Court Facility. In December 2003, the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary moved into a new 15,000 square foot Court Facility. Previously, Court business had been conducted in an old house situated on land nearby the new facility.

I met with two Ho-Chunk Peacemakers in their new Traditional Court where their peacemaking and counseling occurs. The Traditional Court is built in the round with cedar lined walls and a central fireplace. They meet in a circle around the fire "to ensure the occurrence of truthful discussion." Donald Blackhawk of the Warrior Clan and Dennis Funmaker, Sr. of the Bear Clan met with Judge Raasch and me, and gave us an inside view of how their peacemaking process is conducted. They rely on their language, their culture, and their history as the basis for their resolutions and counseling. So, the resolution of the conflict is accompanied by spiritual healing through tradition and culture.

The Ho-Chunk Elders are a panel of nine. In their process, all nine are a part of the peacemaking circle and each person speaks to the conflicted parties, giving insight to solution as the

**Ho-Chunk Peacemakers, Dennis Funmaker, Sr., Donald Blackhawk, and Chickasaw Justice Barbara Smith.**

discussion moves through the circle of resolve. Their resolutions are by consensus of the nine and the parties may chose the resolve or return to the adversarial court. They have had such great success with their Traditional Court that Judges from the Wisconsin State Courts have traveled there to learn more of their ways.

**PEACEMAKER FROM
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE
BAND OF MOHICANS**

Day 2: Judge Raasch had arranged for me to meet with Dorothy Davids, Mohican Elder. The Ho-Chunk Nation graciously allowed us to meet in their facility and Ms. Davids traveled there to meet with us. Dorothy (Dot) Davids is a renowned teacher, lecturer and Peacemaker for the Mohicans. She is considered an expert in "Talking Circles" for resolving conflicts.

I learned a great deal in a short amount of time from her. She talked of patience, human beingness, kindness, spirituality, harmony with the earth and the community. In her peacemaking she has worked with the conflicted parties by herself and with other peacemakers. She advised that resolving conflicts may take time and flexibility in methods used, and that each situation is unique and should be addressed with that in mind. Our hope is that Peacemaking will be a more healing arm of the law.

ELDERS

As I wrote this article, my story changed. On March 18, 2004, Chief Justice Cheri Bel-lifuille-Eldred and I visited the Ada Community Council, along with our Judicial Clerk, Connie Tillery, and our Supreme Court

Receptionist, Amber Bunyard. My journey had been somewhat of a personal discovery for me. My law career had always been adversarial and left little room for healing in the law. So, peacemaking and healing were foreign to me, until I began this journey. I have learned so much, and it has truly changed my life and my own inner peace. I worried of how I would impart what I had learned to others.

As I spoke of the Peacemaking Court to the Elders at the Council, my heart was lifted by the response of the people before me. They were already there. They knew all of what I talked about as truths and were anxious to become a part of our Peacemaking journey. I was so impressed by their spirit and their wisdom. They are our history. They are our tradition and culture. They are our life-line to peace within our community.

The Supreme Court Justices will continue to visit Community Councils and would be happy to visit with any group that would like to hear about our Peacemaking Court. If you are an Elder and are interested in becoming a Peacemaker contact the Supreme Court for an application at 580-235-2801. Thank you for giving me the gift of this journey.

Justice Barbara Anne Smith

**From left, Peacemaker Dorothy Davids, Chickasaw Justice Barbara Smith and Chief Judge David Raasch.**

Campbell leaving Senate; House up for grabs

By **CHARLES BLACKWELL**
Chickasaw Ambassador to the United States

Get to Work!

Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell announced recently that he has decided not to seek re-election to his seat in the United States Senate. He is a mixed-blood Northern Cheyenne rancher from Colorado who came to Congress eighteen years ago. He is a smart, tough, motorcycle-riding, jewelry-making, Democrat-turned-Republican, fiercely independent politician. He is also the only American Indian presently serving in the United States Senate. Mr. Campbell has been a consistent champion for everything which strengthens tribal governments and tribal economies. He is a true champion of our sovereignty. His imminent departure is of particular concern, for we will be losing a powerful brown voice in Congress.

November election is of great importance to Native America. George W. Bush will be the Republican candidate for President and Senator John Kerry appears to have the Democratic nomination in the bag. For our purposes, we will be happy to work with either. Our present relations with the Bush White House are good and I expect we could achieve the same with Kerry, just as we did with Bill Clinton and George Bush, Sr.

The Senate is currently comprised of fifty-one Republicans, forty-eight Democrats and one Independent.

Thirty-four senators will be chosen on November 2, 2004. Nineteen of these seats are currently held by Democrats, fifteen by Republicans. Majority control of the Senate is at stake in this election. The majority party controls the committees and subcommittees and decides which bills are considered and which are not, thus setting the legislative agenda. It is simply

too early to predict which party may be in the majority when the ballots are counted.

In addition, leadership of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, as well as that of all committees, is on the line. The chairman of the Indian Affairs Committee, currently Senator Campbell, is the most important person in the Senate for Indian issues. Under Senate rules, Mr. Campbell was scheduled to rotate out of the chair at the end of 2004. Should the Republicans retain a majority in the Senate, Senator Craig Thomas (Montana) and Senator John McCain (Arizona) are possible successors. With a Democratic majority, Senator Daniel Akaka (Hawaii) is the senior senator in line for the chair. In any event, it is too early to predict how all of this may unfold.

All members of the House of Representatives are up for re-election every two years, so this November may mark major changes in the make-up of the House as well. Of the 435 members of the House, there are currently 228 Republicans, 205 Democrats, one Independent

and one vacancy. Our own Chickasaw brother, Tom Cole (R-Oklahoma), and Brad Carson, Cherokee (D-Oklahoma), are the only Indians. Representative Carson is leaving his House seat in order to run for the Senate seat being vacated by the retirement of Don Nickles and Dan Boren is running for Carson's House seat.

Senator Campbell's retirement and other election uncertainties have led me to reflect on Native American affairs within the U.S. government. In a nation of 281 million people, the 2000 Census reports that 4.1 million are American Indian or Alaska Native; yet only a small percentage of Native people participate in the governance of the United States. for example, if the make-up of Congress adequately reflected the ethnic make-up of all American society, we would have a total of eight Native Americans in Congress—five more than we currently have. We need to do something about this.

In every administration, there are approximately 500 executive branch positions filled by individuals whom the President nominates and Senate confirms.

Of these positions, a tiny handful is specifically earmarked for Indians, including the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Director of the Indian Health Service and Commissioner of the National Indian Gaming Commission. While it is well and good that the federal government recognizes that Indians should run agencies which work with Indians, it would be better if more Indians were placed in other high level positions. Why has there never been an American Indian appointed to the Supreme Court or as Attorney General or Secretary of State? I know Indians who are superb business leaders, brilliant lawyers, outstanding medical doctors or capable managers who deserve political appointments in all areas of government.

The men and women poised to take these open seats in Congress are dedicated to helping all Americans, I am sure. Some have even expressed interest in Indian country and a knowledgeable appreciation of tribal sovereignty; however, the challenges which we as Native Americans face every day, I believe, are generally best handled by Native Americans ourselves. Without adequate representation, we cannot protect our inherent sovereign rights.

You might be thinking, "But what can I do? I'm just one little ole Chickasaw in Wapanucka!" I'll tell you what you can do—get involved in the process. We must run for elected office. We must seek out qualified candidates and push them in the direction of government service. We must register and vote. We must register our neighbors and lazy in-laws and drive them to the polls. We must volunteer to work the polls. We must read, think and listen.

Senator Campbell was elected in a state in which Indians comprise only 1% of the total population. Just think what we can do in Oklahoma, where Native Americans comprise 11.4% (nearly 400,000 people)! This country has come a long way and it will go even further and better with more Native—especially, Chickasaw—leadership! Get to work!

Obviously, as always, the

May 14 Pony Moon Gala

Gov. Anoatubby named Jacobson honoree



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

NORMAN, Okla. - Bill Anoatubby, Governor of The Chickasaw Nation, has been named The Oscar Jacobson Foundation's Honoree for 2004. Governor Anoatubby will be honored and presented the award at The Jacobson's Pony Moon Gala on May 14 in the Commons Restaurant on the campus of The University of Oklahoma.

Gov. Anoatubby was chosen for this award because he has

achieved outstanding success as the governor of The Chickasaw Nation. First elected in 1987, Gov. Anoatubby's administration has provided prosperity to the Chickasaw people while continuing a tribal tradition of stability and success in governance. Educated as an accountant, Gov. Anoatubby has brought his business acumen, leadership and political ability to The Chickasaw Nation and the realm of American Indian tribal government and politics.

The Pony Moon Gala is an annual event conducted to honor The Foundation's Honoree and benefit The Jacobson House Native Art Center. Beginning at 6 p.m., the evening includes a social time, a dinner of buffalo fajitas, live and silent auctions and entertainment. Gov. Anoatubby will be honored in American Indian tradition. Tickets for the event are \$ 50

and may be reserved by calling (405) 366-1667.

Other upcoming events presented by The Jacobson House Native Art Center include an Indian Handgame Tournament and Art Show on April 17, a class teaching Plains Indian flute playing and a milestone exhibit celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the first publication of American Indian Art in 1929.

On April 17, The Jacobson House Native Art Center will host an American Indian Handgame Tournament at the 12th Avenue Recreation Center in Norman. Watching this traditional form of Indian game is exciting, boisterous and educational; the public is encouraged to attend. Admission is free. Teams with old rivalries face each other in a timeless activity used to pass long Winter months. Each team has singers, hidlers and guessers trying to fool the

other team while song and distraction make guessing difficult. American Indian artists will exhibit.

Seventy-five years ago, the paintings of Spencer Asah, Jack Hokeah, Stephen Mopope, Lois Smoky and Montoe Tsatoke were introduced in publication by Oscar Jacobson, Director of the Art School at OU. This collection of silk-screens made in France was the first time American Indian paintings were presented in a fine art portfolio.

The Jacobson House Native Art Center is located at 609 Chautauqua Avenue in Norman, Oklahoma. For more information contact us at (405) 366-1667 or online at www.jacobsonhouse.com. The Jacobson House is on the National Register of Historic Places and is an Oklahoma Centennial Celebration Site.

'Chickasaw White House' offers unique history



Chickasaw White House, Emet, Okla.

EMET, Okla. - A historical marker was dedicated in March 2000, and a renovation project is nearing completion to restore the Chickasaw White House to its former splendor.

Once considered a mansion on the frontier, the home contained

some very unusual features for the era, including 16 foot ceilings, cherry mahogany fireplace mantels, crystal chandeliers, a dance floor and phonographs.

The Chickasaw White House earned its name from its color and the fact that it served as

home to Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas H. Johnston, who served as elected governor from 1898-1902 and as the first presidentially-appointed governor from 1906 until his death at 83 in 1939.

Located on the north edge of Emet, Oklahoma, the Chickasaw White House was the scene for a number of important social and political events.

Prominent politicians, including members of the Dawes Commission, met at the home.

William E. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray was married at the home to Alice Hearrell, a niece of Governor Johnston. Their son, Johnston Murray, was born in the house and later became the 14th gover-

nor of Oklahoma.

While Gov. Johnston was a presidential appointee, he nevertheless made it a priority to initiate a number of lawsuits against the federal government seeking restitution for unfulfilled treaty promises. Two of those, one concerning unsold mineral reserves and the other concerning the Leased District, were settled in the tribe's favor after his death.

Gov. Johnston also appealed directly to Theodore Roosevelt to keep non-Indian adventurers off tribal rolls, help the Chickasaw Nation maintain control of tribal schools, and ensure that Washington lived up to its treaty obligations in regard to taxes.

"His task was one that was very

difficult, because his job, technically, was to oversee the dissolution of the tribal government after Oklahoma became a state," said Governor Bill Anoatubby during the dedication of the historical marker. "We know that Douglas Johnston accomplished a lot of things, but there is one thing that he did not accomplish, and that was the dissolution of the tribal government. And we can certainly be thankful he did not complete that task."

Johnston lived in the home from 1898 until his death at 83 in 1939. His family members continued to live in the home through 1971.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Businesses continue revenue climb; education expenditures strong

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and Lt.

governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the past year or the current year. This will be computed after year end in connection with the audit. Some year-end adjustments have not been made.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending February 29, 2004

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the

businesses totaled \$6.3 million for the month and \$17.8 million for the year which includes a special transfer for \$2.5 million from enterprise for culture center construction.

Expenditures for the month were \$1.4 million and \$7.2 million for the year to date which is slightly less than the budget for the five months. Expenditures for construction of fixed assets total \$707,000 for the month

and \$1.4 million for the year to date. Current expenditures for fixed assets are included in fixed assets.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes total \$126.8 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$44.8 million for the year to date and was better than budget. Expenditures for fixed asset were \$1.8 million for the month and \$15.3

million year to date.

Statement of Net Assets

At February 29, 2004, the tribal government funds had \$33.9 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$5.2 million is in the BIA Trust fund and \$13.5 million is reserved for construction projects approved by the legislature.

The businesses had \$42.0 million in cash and investments of which \$13.6 million is for accounts payable and \$20.2 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of February 29, 2004, tribe operations had assets totaling \$192.0 million with \$13.6 million in payables resulting in net assets of \$178.4 million compared to \$142.7 million at the beginning of the year or an increase of \$35.7 million.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenses For the Five Months Period Ending February 29, 2004

	Total Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 1,340,148	\$ 108,447,134	\$ 109,787,282
Transfer from the Chickasaw Nation General Fund	11,046,217	118,343,057	129,389,274
Total Revenues Available	12,386,365	128,790,191	141,176,556
Expenditures			
General Government	1,340,148		1,340,148
Legislative	42,577		42,577
Judicial	125,404		125,404
Executive	1,000,000		1,000,000
Health & Human Services	1,000,000		1,000,000
Health	1,000,000		1,000,000
Youth and Family Services	1,000,000		1,000,000
Indian Programs	1,000,000		1,000,000
Regulatory	1,000,000		1,000,000
Law Enforcement Programs	1,000,000		1,000,000
Construction Development	1,000,000		1,000,000
Gaming Operations		42,794,135	42,794,135
Chickasaw Industries, Inc.		6,214,114	6,214,114
Total Expenditures	12,386,365	49,008,249	61,394,614
Transfer to the Chickasaw Nation General Fund	12,386,365	28,592,385	40,978,750
Operating Reserves	12,386,365	28,592,385	40,978,750
Operating Reserves	12,386,365	28,592,385	40,978,750

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenses For the Five Months Period Ending February 29, 2004

	Total Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 12,313,134	\$ 45,025,703	\$ 57,338,837
Transfer from the Chickasaw Nation General Fund	1,000,000	2,100,000	3,100,000
Transfer to the Chickasaw Nation General Fund	1,000,000	2,100,000	3,100,000
Total Revenues Available	13,313,134	47,125,703	60,438,837
Expenditures			
General Government	1,340,148		1,340,148
Legislative	42,577		42,577
Judicial	125,404		125,404
Executive	1,000,000		1,000,000
Health & Human Services	1,000,000		1,000,000
Health	1,000,000		1,000,000
Youth and Family Services	1,000,000		1,000,000
Indian Programs	1,000,000		1,000,000
Regulatory	1,000,000		1,000,000
Law Enforcement Programs	1,000,000		1,000,000
Construction Development	1,000,000		1,000,000
Gaming Operations		42,794,135	42,794,135
Chickasaw Industries, Inc.		6,214,114	6,214,114
Total Expenditures	13,313,134	49,008,249	62,321,383
Transfer to the Chickasaw Nation General Fund	12,313,134	28,592,385	40,905,519
Operating Reserves	12,313,134	28,592,385	40,905,519
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Robert Hamilton and MaKynlee Miller

MaKynlee Shyann Miller celebrated her first birthday, March 9, 2004. She celebrated with a Winnie the Pooh theme party on March 6, 2004 at her home in Mill Creek, Okla. She shared this very special day with her mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. What makes this day extra special is that she shares it with her grandpa **Robert Hamilton**. We wish grandpa and our little angel a very happy birthday.

MaKynlee is the daughter of Rick and Sherri Miller of Mill Creek, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Mae Hamilton, Mill Creek, and Francis Miller, Ada, Okla.

We love you very much MaKyn-

Neely Alexis Wood turned five years old Feb. 27, 2004. She celebrated with a birthday party, Feb. 28, 2004 at the Tishomingo (OK) Community Center with a "Care Bears" birthday party. She celebrated with many family members, friends and schoolmates.

She is the daughter of Patricia and Scott Wood, Tishomingo, Okla.

Neely attends Tishomingo Pre-K and Kountry Kids Korner Daycare, Tishomingo. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She loves playing basketball and cheerleading with her big sister Kayla Jo. She also enjoys singing, dancing and playing on the computer. She is playing her first year of soccer for the Tishomingo Soccer Association this spring.

Neely's grandparents are Phyllis Seymore and Larry and Eugenia Wood, all of Tishomingo and the late Joe Plumley. She is the great-granddaughter of Floyd and Joyce Hackworth of Bromide, Okla.

Happy fifth birthday Neely!

We love you,
Mom & Kayla Jo



Five Chickasaw generations



Celebrating five generations of Chickasaws. Front row from left, Amber Hudgens and Slade Hudgens of Lubbock, Texas and Thelma Carroll of Lebanon, Okla. Back row from left, Lavonda Morris, of Lubbock, and Wilma Sandlin, of Lebanon.

Karsen Riley winner of newspaper 'Babies on Parade' promotion

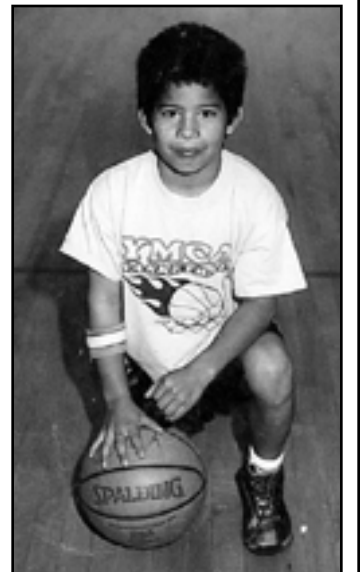


Karsen Eubanks

Clayton and Kristin (Imotichey) Eubanks are proud to announce their daughter, Karsen Riley, was named first place winner in the 2003 Babies on Parade contest sponsored by the *Ada Evening News*. As first place winner, Karsen received a \$100 savings bond.

Karsen is the granddaughter of Melvin and Jan Imotichey, Ada, Okla., and the great-granddaughter of Rosalie Imotichey, Sulphur, Okla., and the late Herman and Lavena Elmore.

Shannon named 'Athlete of Month'



Shannon Johnson

The family of Coby and Jaime Lewis wish to congratulate Shannon Johnson, Jr., on being chosen "Athlete of the Month" for February 2004.

Shannon, Jr., is the son of Shannon Sr., and Melena Johnson. He is the grandson of Verna Johnson and Rhonda Wallace. He is the great-grandson of the late Lee Gibson, Sr.

Shannon, Jr., is Chickasaw, Choctaw, Mississippi Choctaw, Seminole and Creek. He is a fourth grade student at Lone Grove (OK) Elementary. He enjoys playing basketball, baseball, football and racing. His favorite sport is basketball.

God bless and we love you!

Births



Chayton Gambel

Chayton Phillip James Gambel was born January 21,

2004 at 11:28 a.m., at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Ardmore, Okla.

He weighed 7 lbs., and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Chayton is the son of Juston and Angela Gambel. He is the grandson of Craig and Gwen Gambel, Janet Hart, the late Ricky Hart and Mike and Rita Dunn.

He has two sisters, Amara Ingle, 8, and Keely Ingle, 5.

Ada funeral home honors Chickasaw Honor Guard

ADA, Okla. - Smith-Phillips Funeral Home presented the Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard with a plaque of recognition, along with a dinner on March 11, at the Ada Elks Lodge. Greg Chilcoat, funeral director of Smith-Phillips, presented the plaque to Bernie Seeley, President of the Honor Guard.

The plaque reads: "In recognition of Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard. In appreciation for your dedicated service above and beyond the call. Presented by Smith-Phillips Funeral Home, March 11, 2004."

Makayla donates long locks



Makayla Blackwell

Makayla Blackwell donated her hair to 'Locks of Love' and is letting her hair grow to give again.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Darla Blackwell, Owasso, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Claude and Juanita Blackwell, Ada, Okla., Dink Wood and Jeannie Wood, Stratford, Okla.

She is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee William Jennings Bryant Moore.

Tribe honored by Pre-Paid Legal



Marilyn Thompson of Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc., presents the first "Friend of Pre-Paid Legal" award to Governor Bill Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation. The Pre-Paid legal Family Plan has been offered to all Chickasaw Nation employees now for over 27 years. Governor Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation were thanked for their continued loyalty, friendship and support. The award was presented at the recent Pre-Paid Legal International Convention in Oklahoma City. More than 11, 000 people attending from across the United States and Canada.



Front row from left, Sim Greenwood, Tommy Cooper, Bill Quincy, Warren Reed, Tony Palmer, Bennie John. Back row from left, Bernie Seeley president, Luwanna Baker office manager Smith Phillips, Bob Ross vice-president, Jim Perry, Mike Reed quarter master, Jimmy James public relations, Will Johnson, Dennis Phillips, owner Smith-Phillips, Kenneth Elkins, Kenton Self, Kevin Holland and Greg Chilcoat.



Front row from left, June Greenwood, Sim Greenwood, Tommy Cooper, Bill Quincy, Warren Reed, Tony Palmer, Bennie John. Middle row from left, Velma Seeley, Ruth Ross, Linda Cooper, Lura Mullican secretary, Mavis Quincy, Brenda Reed, Tina Johnson, Molsie Palmer, Mooniene Ogee, Peggy James. Back row from left, Bernie Seeley president, Bob Ross vice-president, Jim Perry, Mike Reed quarter master, Will Johnson and Jimmy James public relations.

Native artists sought by trading post

The Three Feathers Trading Post has recently opened in Davis, Okla.

The store deals in authentic Native American products. Three Feathers is owned and operated by Karen West, a Chickasaw, who welcomes contact from Native artists.

Three Feathers is located at 217 E. Main Street in Davis. The phone number is (580) 369-2429 and the email address is rakawest@hotmail.com

Jake New Moon first at AAU wrestling meet



Jake New Moon

A Chickasaw wrestler has recently won a championship in the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) tournament in Oklahoma City.

Jake New Moon took first place in the U.S. Junior Wrestling Open in January at the Fairgrounds Arena in Oklahoma City.

Jake defeated wrestlers from Kansas and Texas on his way to the championship.

Jake is the son of Glen and Melissa Little Axe New Moon. His great aunts, Adelia Alvarado and Hetty Tallent, live in Sulphur, Okla.

Jakes great-grandmother, Margaret Hawkins Chadwick, was an original enrollee.

Chickasaw student named Oklahoma Academic All-Stater



Molly Gilmore

Sarah (Molly) Gilmore is a senior at Tahlequah (OK) High School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She is one of only 100 students in the state of Oklahoma chosen as an Academic All-Stater.

Selection is based upon national standardized test scores, GPA, extra-curricular activities, academic honors, letters of recommendations and a 500-word essay on a difficult dilemma. Ms.

Gilmore's academic achievements include: Outstanding Oklahoma History student, Outstanding Honors English student, Outstanding Honors Biology student, Outstanding Trigonometry Student, Outstanding French I student, Tahlequah Senior High School Certificate of Academic Achievements, Oklahoma High School Honor Society and Rotary Student of the month.

She is concurrently enrolled in the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics and has taken college courses at Northeastern

State University.

Her extra-curricular activities include: Choir (awarded Best Freshman Vocalist), Drama Club (including the role of Dorothy in THS' 2001 production of "The Wizard of Oz"), Science Club, Academic Team, French Club, Student Council, Church cantor and choir member at St. John the Evangelist and St. Brigid Catholic Churches, piano (member International Piano Guild), dance, community theater, camp counselor at St. Brigid vacation bible camp, camp counselor at Tahlequah

Arts Camp and multiple first and second places for both poetry and fiction in the Starwatch Creative Writing Contest. Her interests include singing, reading, writing, canoeing, downhill skiing, international travel, and playing with her nephew.

She has been accepted to four universities and plans a future combining vocal performance with international affair.

Molly is the great-granddaughter of the late Sarah Bruner Gilmore, and the granddaughter of Buck and Betsy Gilmore.

Native American Science Bowl



Front row from left, Kayla Carmichael, Lacy Kretschmar, Beth Campbell Chickasaw Nation sponsor. Middle row from left, Cody Ellis, John Impson Chickasaw Nation sponsor, Tyler Adams, Caleb Wingo. Back row from left, Randy Shackelford coach, Waylon Cotanny Chickasaw Nation sponsor.

The Chickasaw Nation Education Department sponsored five students in the Native American Science Bowl Tournament conducted Feb. 12 through Feb. 15, 2004 in Colorado Springs.

The students competing in the tournament were Kayla Carmichael and Lacy Kretschmar, of Byng (OK) High School; Cody

Ellis and Caleb Wingo, of Ada (OK) High School; and Tyler Adams of Paoli (OK) High School.

The team placed third of 14 teams in the Eagle Division. Caleb Wingo set a new record for answering the most questions ever in this tournament. He answered 39 questions in the pool play.

Grants, scholarships available

The following is a list of grants/scholarships offered through the Chickasaw Nation. Please call the department of education services for an application and list of required documentation at (580) 421-7711. The application deadline is June 1st.

Higher Education Grant (all undergraduate students must apply for federal aid)

The amount of the award is based upon unmet need as determined from the Student Aid Report) generated from the free application for federal student aid (FAFSA). Must be an undergraduate student enrolled in school full-time and must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Higher Education Supplemental Grant (all full-time undergraduate students must apply for federal aid)

Part-time undergraduate students shall be awarded \$30 per credit hour.

Graduate students shall be awarded \$50 per credit hour

Doctoral students are eligible for \$100 per credit hour.

Currently, the award for a full-time student is up to \$1,000 per semester from one or combination of both the Higher Education and/or the Supplemental Grant.

General Scholarship Program

Undergraduate or graduate students are eligible. Award is based on enrollment and classification. Must have a 3.0 GPA

or higher.

Professional Studies Scholarship

This is available to full-time students. This scholarship is intended to assist students by providing assistance with tuition, books, room and board for those pursuing careers in the fields of architecture, interior design, mathematics, science, engineering, law, health, business and other fields as determined according to students needs of each school year. This scholar-

ship has a service repayment requirement upon graduation.

Clothing Grant

This is available to full-time students only. One \$400 award is given per classification. Graduate, doctorate and vo-tech students are awarded on a one time basis.

Please call the department of education services for more detailed information and for an application to be mailed to you along with a list of documentation required to determine your eligibility.

Economic summit



The Annual Reservation Economic Summit in Las Vegas was a great success. From left, Jerry Edler, vice-chairman of the Chickasaw Community Council of San Antonio and owner of JE Commercial Group; Michelle Johnson, Director, Supplier Diversity, HOME Depot; and Ross Hill, President and CEO of Bank2.

Native bowling tourney

The Second Annual All Nations Native American Bowling Tournament is set for June 5-6 in Oklahoma City.

All tribal citizens are invited to participate. The tournament will be at Holiday Lanes, 44 SE 44th St., Oklahoma City. The tournament is ABC and WIBC sanctioned.

The Quality Inn at 1-240 and South Western Ave. is the host hotel for the event. A room rate of \$49.99 per night plus tax will be available for those making reservations by May 24. Shuttle

service will be available from the hotel to Holiday Lanes from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. Identify yourself as part of the tournament when making your reservations. The hotel number is (800) 843-4241 or (405) 632-6666.

For more information on the tournament, contact Colleen Larney, (405) 720-0811; Alma Johnson, (405) 275-5466; Gloria Factor, (405) 677-6356; or Jim Edwards, (918) 742-1549; or email OKCBowl2004@aol.com



Tribal employee back from Kuwait duty tour



Derrick Williams poses with a specially constructed flag sent to him in Iraq by fellow workers in the information technology department. Children at the Children's Carnival were asked to write a short message on a red or white paper cut out of their hand print. Those hand prints were then placed on white and blue backgrounds to make a large flag.

Derrick Williams returned in July 2003 from a tour of duty in Kuwait.

While Williams, Specialist E-4 Oklahoma Army National Guard, was officially the battalion commander's driver, because of his computer expertise he also helped out his unit in other ways.

In civilian life, Spec. Williams works for the tribal Information Technology department.

Stationed at Camp Victory in the southwest part of Kuwait, about 35 to 40 miles from the Saudi Arabian border and about 50 miles from the Iraqi border, one of the first duties Spec. Williams undertook was establishing e-mail access for his comrades in arms.

"Because I had the knowledge to physically hook up everything we needed to get access, that was one of the first things I did whenever we first got to Camp Victory," said Spec. Williams. "There was a place right across the road from us that had Internet access. So we trenched across the road and buried a cable and got everybody e-mail access so they could let their families know that they had made it over there safe."

Although Camp Victory was technically in a combat zone, military action in the area was limited and sporadic.

"We had a lot of scud alerts whenever we first got there,"

said Spec. Williams. "And basically, that requires to go to MOP four, which is full regalia, which is protective gloves, protective masks, the oversuit and the boots and all that stuff. We had those several times when we first got there, when they weren't sure if some of the missiles they were firing contained biological threats."

Donning protective gear in response to those possible biological or chemical attacks was an automatic response thanks to extensive military training, according to Spec. Williams. He did, however, have a little more time to think about a later incident.

"Probably the closest I ever got to danger was when some people were driving by our camp and shot at a guard tower," he said. "I don't know that it was any kind of organized group, they were just opposed to us being there. We were an easy target. Our camp was right on a main road. So they could just drive by and shoot at us."

"I wasn't in the guard tower at the time. But I was later and I thought 'Man, I hope some of these guys don't come by and shoot at me,'" Spec. Williams said. "I was issued an M249, which is a fully automatic weapon. I could shoot off 600 rounds without stopping if I wanted to. While I would really like to see what my weapon would do, I

didn't really want to use it."

First deployed to assist with humanitarian aid efforts, that mission fell through, leaving the unit with little to do. As a result, Spec. Williams and other members of his unit went out of their way to assist the 1245th transportation unit, with whom they share the Ardmore armory.

"The 1245th was really in the thick of things," said Williams. "The 1245th is what they call a line unit and they will actually be out there doing the work. Several of them were injured. They had a lot of problems

with their vehicles. They would become deadline, unusable, because they couldn't get parts.

"That was a big part of what we were trying to do. We got them barrels of oil and other stuff that we could find. Just whatever we could, whenever one of their trucks would come down and visit us we would load them up. They had a rough time there."

Spec. Williams also readily admits that his own deployment was very difficult. As a member of the National Guard, he said deployment felt like being "ripped out" of normal life in the United States.

"I think that caused a problem for a lot of other soldiers who were in the National Guard," said Spec. Williams. "Most of the soldiers that were in my unit being deployed had never been on deployment before. This was the first time for them. They were trying to cope with all these things that are happening that they'd never experienced before. So morale wasn't all that great."

That was one reason he was excited to get a "care package" sent by his fellow workers in the Information Technology department that included a specially constructed American flag.

Children at the Chickasaw Children's Carnival were asked to write a short message on a red or white paper cut out of their hand print. Those hand prints were then placed on white and blue backgrounds to make a large flag.

"When someone sends something like that flag, that was pretty neat," said Spec. Williams. "That wasn't anything I had asked for or that I was expecting. It just kind of reminded me of how many people back home were supporting us and everything. It was neat. It was just the little things that we appreciated over there. That made it a little easier."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw girl shows grand champion



Chickasaw Amanda Jones shows her grand champion steer at the Love County Junior Livestock Show. With Amanda are Chickasaw Tribal Legislator Linda Briggs and Junior Livestock Association official Charles Young. Mrs. Briggs purchased the steer on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation.

Amanda Jones, 17, is the daughter of Melissa Jones. She is a junior at Turner High School, Turner, Okla. Her chapter advisor is Mike Hendsbee.

She is a junior member of the National Maine - Anjou Association, the National Shorthorn Association and the National Limousin Association. She has served as a junior board mem-

ber for the Southeastern Okla., Lamb Association for three years and currently serves as vice-president.

Amanda has been an active member in the Turner FFA Chapter for four years. She has served as chapter officer for two years and is currently chapter vice-president. She is also on the chapter livestock judging team

and speech team.

Amanda has 30 ewe lambs and has been raising show lambs for three years. She has seven cows and hopes to eventually own a 50-cow operation. Last year she had Reserve Grand Steer at the Love County Junior Livestock Show.

Amanda is a member of the Governor's Honor Club and has participated in the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program for two years. She has been a member of *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for two years and the Oklahoma Honor Society for one year. She has been on the academic team for two years. She is a member of the Turner High School softball and golf team. She was recently selected to attend Girl State for the summer of 2004 and will represent the Turner FFA Chapter at the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Amanda's future plans are to run for State and National FFA officer. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and major in veterinary science with a minor in ag communications.

Jared Willis, continued from page 1**Jared Willis**

Alexander from more serious injury. While he was injured by shrapnel after the metal cage

and window had been added, his injuries were minor enough that he was treated and released from the hospital the same day.

"When Barret got hit they said probably the main thing that saved him was that cage around him," said Spc. Willis. "It kind of made all the gunners feel better. You're always gonna be nervous when you go out on the road, but it made us feel better about it."

That kind of initiative and ingenuity served members of the 1245th well through several difficult situations during their tour of duty.

Living conditions were extremely difficult at first, as the 1245th was living in tents suf-

fering through sandstorms and intense heat. It wasn't long, however, before members of the company found local nationals who could deliver mats to sleep on, ice, air conditioners and electric generators. Eventually, they even found televisions and play stations.

"Every company had their certain guy they'd go to that would get them a good deal. We'd order it and they'd go to Baghdad to market and get it. You could just about get anything you needed to make life better."

While there have been reports of many Iraqi civilians treating U.S. troops with contempt, Spc. Willis said the great majority of Iraqis he encountered were very grateful.

"Most of them were really happy we were there. They were 'Saddam bad. Saddam bad.' That's all they would ever say really."

Initially scheduled for a six month deployment, Spc. Willis

realized as he watching rockets in the night sky over Iraq as his Fourth of July fireworks show that they were in for a much longer stay.

Living conditions improved as time went on. Eventually, the company was able to move out of tents and into buildings, but that seemed small consolation as they spent Christmas in Iraq.

"By Christmas, you just give up. You go 'we're never going home.' We had a Christmas party. We gave gifts to each other and stuff, but I've never been away from my family at Christmas. I never want to go away for that long again without seeing my parents."

Returning home to see his family, however, also meant leaving the men that had become like family while stationed in Iraq.

"I was thinking about all the guys I was with, because you were with them 24 hours a day, the same guys for a year. And

then you don't see them for a couple of days and you think about them a lot.

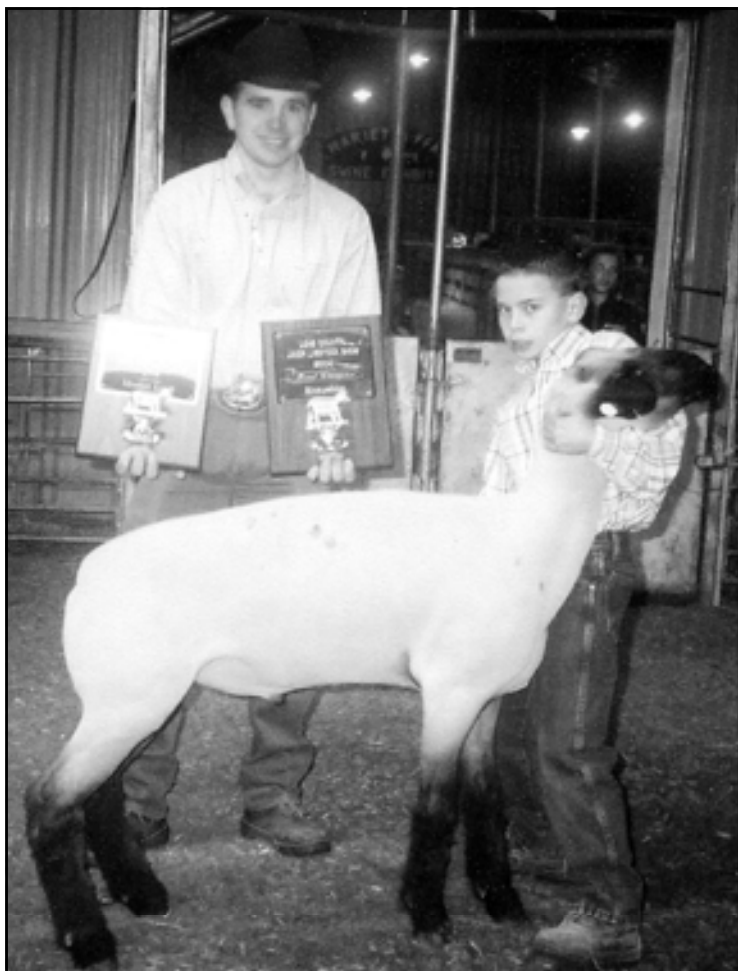
"Lance Young, Casey Prince, Leonard Meadows, Bobby Don Stallings, Joe Dan 'Thunder' Tapley, Derrick Nutter and everybody in my platoon. They're all my best friends. They'd probably do anything for me and I'd do anything for them.

"It's kind of weird coming back home and not getting to see them every day. Everybody in our company was pretty close and it's going to be crazy not to see them for a long time. Because some of them will get out of the guard and some of them I may never see again."

All in all, however, Spc. Willis is glad the experience is behind him.

"It's great to be home," he said. "There's no place like southern Oklahoma."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw winner

Chickasaw Harley Blackwood shows his lamb during the recent Love County (OK) Junior Livestock Show. Harley, a third-grader, is a member of Turner 4-H. He earned Reserve Grand Market Lamb, one first place and two second place ribbons at the show. Chickasaw Tribal Legislator Linda Briggs, representing the Chickasaw Nation, purchased Harley's lamb. Harley is the son of Darin Blackwood.

Spc. Willis wounded by explosion

Spc. E-4 Jared Willis, who was deployed to Iraq Feb. 10, 2003, and returned home March 19, 2004, earned a Purple Heart for his service.

While serving as a gunner with the 1245th Transportation Company, Spc. Willis was injured when his truck was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED) in early September.

After suddenly being blown about six feet to the back of the truck, Willis was at first unsure what had happened.

"It happened pretty fast," said Spc. Willis. "At first I thought the gun I was manning blew up. When I got up we were slowing down and my driver, Lance Young from Tishomingo, said 'We got hit by an IED!' By this time the blood started running down in my eyes and I couldn't really see."

After making radio contact with their platoon Sgt. Bobby Don Stallings, who was in the lead truck of the convoy, Willis and Young were instructed to move another mile and a

half down the road before pulling over.

Shortly after that, Spc. Willis realized he had several wounds to his backside, some as deep as two inches, as well as the injuries to his face and head.

"I could barely stand up. My legs were shaking and stuff. My adrenaline just kicked in. I kept wanting to stand up. I didn't want to lay down. They were having a hard time keeping me down. They said 'Just lay down. Lay down. Are you hurt anywhere?'"

Spc. Willis recounted with a wide grin that after feeling behind him, he looked at his blood covered hand and responded, "I think my rear end has been blowed off."

Learning that it would take as much time for the MediVac chopper to arrive as it would to drive on to the next base, Willis asked the driver to continue on.

Before he was flown out of that camp to a field hospital in Baghdad, Sgt. Stallings called Spc. Willis's mother, Deonna, to let her know he was all right.

"Twelve hours after (that call), somebody from Washington D.C. called my mom and said 'Your son's been seriously injured by an IED. 'So my mom's just flipping out now.," said Spc. Willis.

He was able to reassure his mother personally shortly after that, thanks to a colonel who loaned him his phone.

While he was given the opportunity to transfer to a hospital in Germany to recuperate, Spc. Willis chose to return to his base after three days in the field hospital in Baghdad.

Once he returned to camp, he was placed on bed rest for two and a half weeks before he was allowed to return to duty.

"That whole two and half weeks was the longest two and a half weeks of my life," said Spc. Willis. "I was wanting to do something. Time doesn't go by very fast when you're just laying there in bed, going 'What can I do,'" Spc. Willis said with a hearty laugh. "Especially over there where's no TV."

Archaeologist named Chickasaw Cultural Center director



Sue Linder-Linsley

The Chickasaw Cultural Center, a special facility including galleries, archives and visitor center, is scheduled for 2006 completion. The center now has on staff a full-time executive director.

Sue Linder-Linsley, who has extensive education and experience in archaeology and information technology, has been chosen as executive director of the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

"I feel like my whole life has been leading up to this position," said Ms. Linder-Linsley, who has a master's degree in archaeology and a bachelor's degree in anthropology, plus a minor in museum studies.

In addition to her formal edu-

cation, Ms. Linder-Linsley spent much of her childhood learning about Native American life ways from her Powhattan great aunt.

Following that early experience, her interest in people and cultures was further sparked by a high school anthropology class and the opportunity to attend an archaeological field school.

Early in her career, Ms. Linder-Linsley attended experimental archaeology and traditional life ways workshops taught by a Cherokee archaeologist, where she and her colleagues built replica houses, tools, pottery and other items.

"Archaeologists usually find evidence of where a post had been, then try to imagine what the structure may have looked like," said Ms. Linder-Linsley. "In these workshops we would actually reconstruct the house and other objects until we had everything needed for a living village."

Cooperative projects similar to that are a big part of her long-term vision for the cultural center. She says community involvement is a key to success.

Volunteers will be recruited to share their knowledge of culture, from language to food,

clothing, arts, crafts, legends and traditional stories.

"People are the culture," said Ms. Linder-Linsley. "It is very important that people know this is their center - that it is a place they can gather to participate and share in traditional culture experiences. The center will not be a static exhibit. Hopefully, it will be an active gathering place for sharing and learning about being Chickasaw, past and present."

Chickasaw Nation Governor said he is confident the center will flourish under the direction of Ms. Linder-Linsley.

"We believe Ms. Linder-Linsley has the knowledge, experience and skills necessary to help the cultural center become a premier attraction for Chickasaws and others around the world," said Governor Anoatubby.

Ms. Linder-Linsley has worked the last 18 years for the Southern Methodist University Department of Anthropology and the Institute for the Study of Earth and Man.

Ms. Linder-Linsley said her most exciting prior experience was as Director of Special Pro-

grams for the Ramses the Great Exhibit presented by the Dallas Museum of Natural History.

That project involved recruiting more than 7,500 volunteers as well as the implementation and use of the latest technology, interactive media and design to provide a wide range of educational opportunities for visitors of all ages.

"People were very anxious to volunteer for that project, and

we feel confident we will see the same kind of enthusiasm for the Chickasaw Cultural Center."

Located on 110 acres of rolling hills, woodlands and streams near Sulphur, the Chickasaw Cultural Center is designed to utilize the latest technology, ancient artifacts and natural outdoor spaces to tell the Chickasaw story.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw Election Commission

Seats open For General Election 2004

Pontotoc District; Seat 5

Pickens District; Seat 3

Panola District; Seat 1

Tishomingo District; Seat 2

Judicial; Seat 1

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2004 SCHEDULE

June 7-11 Candidate filing period (8:00 am-4:30 p.m. Election Secretary's Office)

June 15 Challenge to Candidacy ends

June 16 Drawing for position on ballot-Election Secretary's office, 10:00a.m. *Candidates may also pick-up label, printouts & diskettes*

June 18 Last day to submit photo and biography to "Chickasaw Times"

Press release for candidates, (news media)

July 19 Voter registration closes

July 20 Candidates may pick-up updated labels, printouts & diskettes

(After-12:00 NOON)

July 23 Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters

August 11 Last day to appoint watcher

August 17

2004 Chickasaw Primary Election

Last day to return ballots *no later than 10:30 a.m.*

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

2004 Election Schedule

August 17 Voter registration re-opens if there is no run-off election

August 20 End of protest period

October 1 Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm.

RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE

August 24 Candidates may pick-up adhesive labels

August 30 Ballots mailed to all voters in run-off election districts

September 21 2004 CHICKASAW RUN-OFF ELECTION

Last day to return ballots *not later than 10:30 a.m.*

Election ballot tabulation beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press release made public

September 21 Voter registration re-opens

September 24 Recount period expires

October 1 Oath of Office Ceremony @ 1:30 pm

Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Applications Available

ADA, Okla. - Applications are available and test dates have been scheduled for the 2004 Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth Program.

Native American youth ages 14 to 21 are eligible to apply for the program. Summer youth workers can gain valuable work experience and earn an average of more than \$200 per week for the eight-week program.

To apply for the program, applicants must supply a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, proof of residence, income verification and Social Security card, as well as a recent report card, achievement test scores or transcript. Males 18 and older also must provide a Selective Service number.

The deadline to return applications to area offices is May

7, and youth are encouraged to apply early.

Ada area youth should also sign up for a test date once the application and necessary documents have been submitted.

Testing for Ada area youth will begin 9 a.m. each Saturday, March 13, through May 29 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Gardens Youth Building, 1003 Chamber Loop Dr.

Work sites will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis for those who have completed the application and testing process.

For information or an application contact your local area office.

Ada Area Office

520 East Arlington

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(580) 436-2603, ext. 7365

Ardmore Area Office

39 North Washington

Ardmore, OK 73401

(580) 226-4821

Duncan Area Office

1215 Willow

Duncan, OK

(580) 252-4119

Sulphur Area Office

1016 Division

Sulphur, OK 73086

(580) 622-2888

Tishomingo Area Office

815 E. 6th Street

P.O. Box 192

Tishomingo, OK 73460

(5 8 0) 3 7 1 - 9 5 1 2

Purcell Area Office

1603 S. Green Avenue



Benjamin Gold

Benjamin Lee Gold, 28 months, is the son of Billy Jack and Starla Gold. He is the grandson of Bill and Vicky Gold, Harold and Gwenda DePasse and Donna Linton.

Ben is our pride and joy because he brings so much love, happiness and laughter to us. His smile and his big beautiful blue eyes captured our hearts the day he was born. He loves drag races, especially his daddy's and his Papa Bill's race cars. Ben shows his papa and nanna how much he loves us every time he comes to see us. We love him very much.

Bill and Vicky Gold



Madison Davis

Madison Nicole Davis is the daughter of Shane and Stacy Willard and Chad and Ashley Davis. She is the granddaughter of Keith and Cindy Willard and the great-granddaughter of Mike and Genevieve Willard.

Madison Nicole Davis became a part of our family when she was four years old. She soon will celebrate her eighth birthday. She is our pride and joy because she is such a kind and thoughtful little girl. She is so sensitive to others' feelings and always notices if someone is having a bad day. She brings so much joy to our lives and we thank God for her.

Madison is in the second grade and is a very good student. She is smart, witty and full of life. She loves to laugh and have fun.

Madison recently gave her heart to Jesus and followed him in baptism. She always says sweet prayers for those who are sick and thanks God for her family. She wants to be a Christian singer some day and write some of her own songs. With her beautiful voice and talent we know that she can and will accomplish her heart's desire.

Madison is the step great-great-granddaughter of the late Clela May Washington Willard, an original enrollee. Clela would have been so proud of Madison and would have loved her like we all do.



Hunter Willard

Hunter Michael Willard is the son of Shane and Stacy Willard. He is the grandson of Keith and Cindy Willard and the great-grandson of Mike and Genevieve Willard.

Hunter Michael Willard is our pride and joy because he is so sweet and loving. He generously gives hugs and kisses and is very cuddly if he's not too busy playing.

Hunter is 19 months old and is very smart for his age. In fact, his great-grandpa thinks he is so smart that he will probably skip kindergarten and go straight to first grade.

He will surely be a future All-Star player someday because he loves balls of all kinds. He always asks "Where 'de ball?" when he wakes up. He is full of mischief as his picture clearly shows but we all love him dearly and thank God for him.

Hunter is the great-great-grandson of the late Clela May Washington Willard, an original enrollee. Clela was very proud of her Indian Heritage and would be so happy to know that her heritage continues to live through little Hunter.



Hanna Belle Willard is the daughter of Shannon Willard and Heather McDonnell. She is the granddaughter of Keith and Cindy Willard and the great-granddaughter of Mike and Genevieve Willard.

Hanna Belle Willard is our pride and joy because she captures our hearts with her beautiful blue eyes and sweet, sweet smile. She is the first baby girl born into our family since 1956. We are so proud of her and thank God for such a precious baby girl.

She is 11 months old and has learned to say Mommy and Daddy. She can even quack like a duck and grunt like a pig. Then she shows off because she knows she's done something really smart. She acts so big as she learns to walk and talk.

Hanna is the great-great-granddaughter of the late Clela May Washington Willard an original enrollee. Clela was so proud of her Indian Heritage and would be so glad to know that her heritage lives on through little

Hanna Willard



Tyler Courtney

Tyler Austin Courtney is the son of Rachel Hatton. He is the nephew of T.J. Hatton and the grandson of Rickey and Nancy Hatton. He is the great-grandson of the late Fred and Lois Cooper.

He has brought so much joy into our lives. We love him very much.



Tanner McDanel

Tanner Jakobie' Blake McDanel is the son of JD McDanel, Jr., and Kristi McDanel. He is the grandson of J.D., Sr., and Sue McDanel of Garland, Texas and DaJuana and Keith Anderson of Mesquite, Texas. He is the great-grandson of original enrollee Lena Mae Goforth.

He's our pride and joy because he's a miracle in himself, he's so loving and independent and love's everyone and doesn't miss a beat with life.





Chase and Alyssa Henley

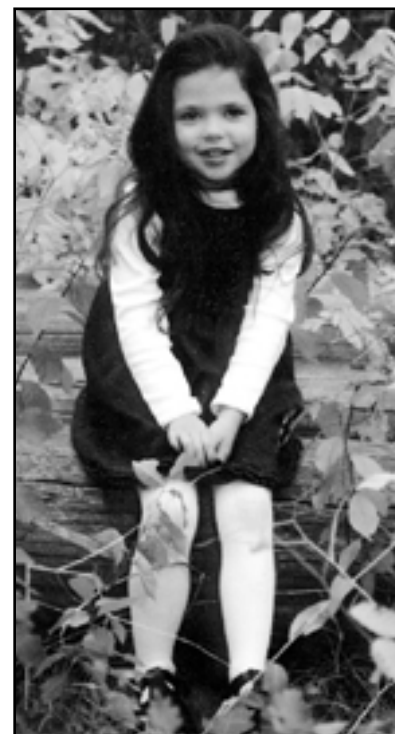
Chase and Alyssa Henley are the children of Billy and Amy Henley. They are the grandchildren of Billy Liddell and Bill and Sue Henley.

They are my life. Chase is very smart. Alyssa is very sweet. They're my babies. I love them with all my heart.

Kaya Duncan

Kaya Ann Marie Duncan is the daughter of Shannon and Tracy Duncan. She is the granddaughter of Phil and Geneva (Gamble) Stapler.

Kaya is four-years-old. She is very active in ballet gymnastics and going to preschool. She loves to dance and drive her Barbie jeep.



Alexia Nichole Brower is the daughter of Brandi Demick and Tyler Brower. She is the granddaughter of Robert Schenewerk, Jr., Diane Lucash, Matt Brower and Kathy Brower. She is the great-granddaughter of Robert Schenewerk, Sr., and Wanda Schenewerk.

Alexia Brower

Alexia came into this world fighting because she was a preemie. She now is four months old and weighs 2 pounds. She has come a long way. She is grama and grampa's pride and joy, and beautiful. Our gift to you is we gave the nation another little Chickasaw to be proud of.

Wanda Schenewerk.



Logan Lee

Logan Jean Lee is the daughter of Robert Lee and Brandi Lee. She is the granddaughter of Sandra and Bobby Lee and Cheryl and Don George.

Logan is our pride and joy because everyday when I look at her I can see that she was sent straight from heaven. It is such a miracle that love can create so much joy.



Andrea Underwood

Andrea Nicole Underwood is the daughter of Nicole and Martin Hill and Andrew and Jennifer Underwood.

Your the sweetest little girl in the world! Your beautiful smile and sweet laughter warms our hearts!

Trinity Adams

Trinity Adams is the daughter of Michael and Jeanie Adams. She is the granddaughter of M.H. "Dick" and Mary Ann Greenwood.

She has changed our lives for the best. She has brought joy to our home and made our family complete. Now we truly know the meaning of a blessing. Trinity is just one of 23 pride and joys of Dick and Mary Ann.



Austin Swartz and Shaylee McCandless

Austin Swartz and Shaylee McCandless are the children of Jay and Shelly McCandless.

They bring so much joy into our life and have so much love to give. They are truly gifts from heaven. They are awesome!



Paige, Victoria and Julia Miller

Paige, Victoria and Julia Miller are the children of Tommy and Sherie Miller. They are the grandchildren of Lillian Miller, Barbara Kropp, the late Ben Miller and Roger Kropp.

They do good in school, so far two of the girls are on the Governor's Honor Club. They have given us love and happiness.



Feather Carter



Feather Rhea Carter is the daughter of J. Neil and Lindsay Carter. She is the granddaughter of Frank and Barb Carter.

She lights up a room when she enters. No one is immune to her charms. She is three and recently started preschool and despite challenges she faces having down-syndrome, she is in her element, she thrives, and makes everyone grateful to be a part of her life. She has no conditions on the love she gives so freely. She is an amazing teacher.

Alisha Scruggs

Alisha Scruggs is the daughter of Melissa Franko Arispe and Alan Scruggs. She is the granddaughter of Louise and Eddie Scruggs.

Alisha is my pride and joy because she is a senior this year at May Pearl (TX) High School. After high school graduation Alisha will join the U.S. Marines. Alisha recently had an ordeal in which her family's home burned. I would like to thank all the teachers at May Pearl for their donations and their support of Alisha throughout the years not just during the time of the fire. Thank you for being there and caring.

Melissa Arispe



Polly Anderson

Polly Ann Anderson is the daughter of Sonja Anderson and the granddaughter of John and Tewanna Edwards.

She is known as the "Church Baby."



Tresa Blevins

Tresa Kay Blevins is the pride and joy of Sissy, Danny and Tawny.

Why Miss Tresa Kay is our pride and joy; The Lord gave us to one another - Because each one of us has a unique something to contribute - a piece of the divine puzzle no one else on Earth can supply. Tresa has brought so much "pride and joy" to our lives and taught us way more than we could have ever anticipated: How important it is to enjoy life today, yesterday is gone and tomorrow may never come. How to delight in silliness and giggle, How to say yes as much as possible, but to say no when necessary, and how to listen from our hearts. We cannot imagine our world without our Miss Tresa Kay!

Sissy, Danny and Tawny



Sonja Rocha

Sonja Xenia Rocha is the daughter of Elisha Gouge and the granddaughter of John and Tewanna Edwards.

She has faithfully helped me (Grandma T. Edwards) on bus ministry. She named the church's (FAIC) pavilion "Diamonds in the Sky." Sonja faithfully prays for her family and church.



Kiley Lounsbury

Kiley Anna D. Lounsbury is the daughter of Monique Mattox and the granddaughter of Susan Knight.

Kiley Anna is the bravest, most loving and good natured seven-year-old little girl I know. She always has a big smile!

Kiley Anna endures loneliness and pain, fear and illness to overcome leukemia. She must travel close to 800 miles a week for treatment. She bares the hardships of loss with few because she is not able to attend school or be an active child like her three older brothers and one little sister.

My heart cries for her daily, she is indeed a special part of all the lives she touches. Kiley Anna is my pride and joy because I not only love her, I respect her courage and positive attitude towards life. I love my other nine grandchildren very much.

Thank you for reading my heartfelt piece and may we all learn to be more like Kiley Anna.

Grandma Susan Knight



Taylor and Tara Richardson

Taylor Richardson, 6, and Tara Richardson, 9 months, are the daughters of Lacy and James Richardson. They are the grandchildren of Lynn and Jim Bebout, Doris Kent, Pauline Richardson, Judy White and Frank and Jenny Richardson.

They make life so wonderful, seeing their smiling faces everyday is truly a blessing.



Karsen Eubanks

Karsen Riley Eubanks is the daughter of Kristin (Imotichey) and Clayton Eubanks. She is the granddaughter of Melvin and Jan Imotichey.

We waited for a long time for our first grandchild. On September 5, 2003 our prayers were answered and we were blessed with a beautiful granddaughter. She is everything we ever imagined and more. She truly is our pride and joy.



MaKynlee Miller

MaKynlee Shyann Miller is the daughter of Rick and Sherri Miller and the granddaughter of Robert and Mae Hamilton of Mill Creek, Okla.

You are our pride and joy because of your big smile. And how you can brighten up a room and our lives with it. Just watching you do the little things you do brings us so much joy. You make us very proud that you picked us to be your parents.



Danya Impson, Maylon Newton, Kylee Impson, Annelle and Jonathon Impson



From left;

Danya Impson is the daughter of John and Lisa Impson. She is the granddaughter of Quanah and Sherry Nail of Tucson, Ariz., and Gwen Impson of McAlester, Okla.

Maylon Newton is the daughter of Julie Nail and Jim Newton Jr. She is the granddaughter of Quanah and Sherry Nail of Tucson, and Jim and Elaine Newton Sr., of Ignacio.

Kylee Impson is the daughter of Drapper Impson and Sherri Impson. She is the granddaughter of Gwen Impson and Randy and Janeen Davis, all of McAlester, Okla.

Annelle and Jonathon Impson are the children of Steve and Melissa Impson. They are the grandchildren of Gwen Impson and Eddie and Debbie Watson, all of McAlester.

These children are our pride and joy because: They are little angels sent to us from heaven!

Tia Jene, Kenneth Allen and Matthew Sherman Pickens

My niece and nephews have reached a few milestones. My niece, Tia Jene Pickens, turned 13-years-old on March 3, 2004. She is a member of MESA, a gifted students program at Jackie Robinson Academy, Long Beach, Calif.

My nephew, Kenneth Allen, will be 14 years old on April 27, 2004. He will graduate from Jackie Robinson Academy and attending Robert A. Millikan High School in the fall. He is also a member of MESA.

My little Bubba, Matthew Sherman, turned five on October 14, 2004 and started kindergarten at his siblings school. He is one brave smart kid!

They are the children of Craig and Alayne (Archie) Pickens. They are the grandchildren of Daphne Brown and the great-grandchildren of Lillie (Martin) Brown and the late Otto Brown, Sr.. They are the great-great-grandchildren of the late Jesse and Elsie (McGee) Brown.

They are the pride and joy of their aunts: Sandra D Pickens, Jennifer and Jene' Fields.

Katelyn and Christopher Lower



Katelyn Lower is the daughter of Phil and Dedra Lower. She is the granddaughter of Ranell Harry, Oklahoma City. She is the great-granddaughter of Gov. Overton James, Ada, Okla., and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Vinnie M. James Humes.

You bring so much love and happiness into our family.

Christopher Lower is the son of Phil and Dedra Lower and the grandson of Ranell Harry, Oklahoma City. He is the great-grandson of Gov. Overton James, Ada, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of the late Vinnie M. James Humes.

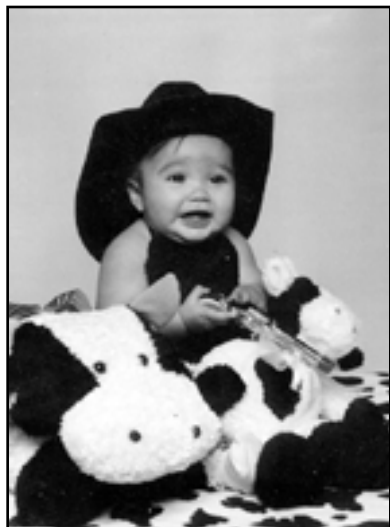
You bring so much love and happiness into our family.

Brooklyn and Brayden Anoatubby

Brooklyn and Brayden Anoatubby are the grandchildren of Russel and Diann Anoatubby, Ardmore, Okla.

These children are so special to us, because they are our only grandchildren.





Alexis Taylor

Alexis Chyann Taylor is the daughter of Jacki Taylor.

She is my first grandbaby. Alexis will celebrate her first birthday April 23 and her mother will celebrate her 22nd birthday April 24. Alexis likes to visit her grandparents Jimmy and Cindy Taylor of Wapanucka, Okla., and her great-grandma Kathy Taylor of Olney, Okla.

Aubri Lynn Brauning, 20 months, is the daughter of Justin Wayne Brauning and Amber Rae Coon. She is the granddaughter of Jimmy and Kay (Leader) Brauning, Bowlegs, Okla., and Jimmy and Susan Harjo, Seminole, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Helen (Clifford) Leader, Bowlegs, and Wayne and Nelmon Brauning, Seminole. She is the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Lois (Goer) Clifford, Ada, Okla.

Aubri Lynn is my first born great-grandchild. It really is hard to find words to express the joy she brings into my life. When I'm feeling down her sweet smile picks me up. It is so much fun watching her grow and learn and I love to babysit her.

Great-grandma Leader

Aubri Brauning



Slade Hudgens and Thelma Carroll

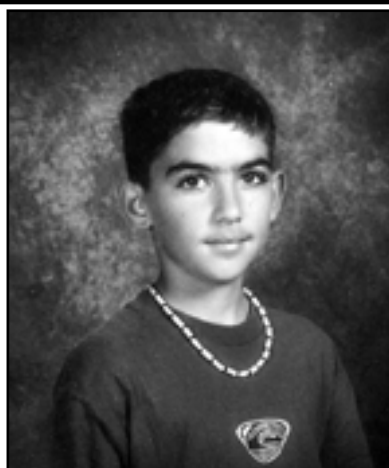
Slade Hudgens and Thelma Carroll are our pride and joy. Our great-grandson makes us a five generation family. We are so blessed to have them.

Submitted by Wilma Sandlin

Kyle Escobar

Kyle Wade Escobar is the son of John and Diane Escobar. He is the great-grandson of Wade and Louise Rambo.

Kyle is an honorable young man. He is kind to others and his family loves him very much.



Kamesha McGee, Jasmine Taylor, Ceontrae Taylor and Jadarien Allen



Jasmine Taylor is the daughter of Keia Taylor. Ceontrae Taylor and Jadarien Allen are the children of LaQuita Taylor. Kamesha McGee is the daughter of Evelyn Taylor. They are the grandchildren of Barbara Taylor.

Jasmine made the honor roll and Ceontrae and Jadarien are just my precious babies. They keep me going and keep me young.

Kamesha also made the honor roll. That's why she is my pride and joy.

Submitted by Barbara Taylor.

Emily Alspaugh

Emily Kathryn Alspaugh is the 11-month-old daughter of Ronnie and Ralania Alspaugh. She is the granddaughter of Karla and Alvin Windy Boy, Box Elder, Mont., Donny and Mary Fisher, Midwest City, Okla., Wanda and Orvell Simpson, Meridian, Okla., and Ron and Valerie Alspaugh, Wickenburg, Ariz. She is the great-granddaughter of Bill and Lynn Cox, Penrose, N.C. She is the niece of Karri Fisher, Fittstown, Okla., as well as many other family members across the country too numerous to list who we love all the same.

She is our pride and joy because we could not ask for absolutely anything more in our little angel. She brings so much happiness to all of our lives. We love you so very much!



Tristan Pickens

Tristan Dre Pickens is the son of Andrae Pickens. Patricia Harris is Tristan's Me me.

Tristan is a blessing from God. He loves everyone and always has a beautiful smile for all.

Alyssa McCullar

Alyssa Madison McCullar is the daughter of Vallis and Kelli McCullar. She is the granddaughter of Teresa and Chris Snodgrass, Ada, Okla., Vera Pettigrew, Ada, Carla Anderson, Ada, Dallas Barnett, Ada and Pauline Barnett of Alaska. She is the niece of Karen Odom.

This child is my pride and joy because: Grandchildren are very special people. They are all unique in their own way. I am very proud of Alyssa and I am very glad that she is a part of my life. She has beautiful big blue eyes and a smile to go with them. I will always be proud of Alyssa and I will always let her know that I love her and I'm here anytime she needs me. I love you Alyssa! Now and forever.

Love always!
Grandma Teresa



Raven Pettigrew



Raven Aquarius McCullar Pettigrew is the daughter of Vallis McCullar, Vera Pettigrew and Cashun Dennis. She is the granddaughter of Teresa and Chris Snodgrass, Ada, and Amanda Grant, Sasakwa. She is the niece of Karen Odom.

This child is my pride and joy because: I am very proud to have Raven as my granddaughter. She is a very smart and well mannered young lady. She is a very beautiful person, on the inside as well as the outside. She has a very big heart. She has big dreams that I know someday she will make them come true. Keep up the good work Raven, and remember we are very proud of you.

We love you!
Grandma and family

Ariel Snodgrass



Ariel Paige Snodgrass is the daughter of Chris and Teresa Snodgrass and Clarise Culberson.

She is the granddaughter of Vera Pettigrew, Ada, Okla., and Pat and Lori Reid, Seminole, Okla. She is the niece of Karen Odom.

This child is my pride and joy because: We are very proud to have Ariel as a part of our life. She always has a beautiful smile for everyone. We love watching her grow, and learn different things day by day. It's really amazing to have someone so special in my life. Children are to be loved and cared for. They are special people and we want Ariel to know that she is this special baby in our lives and we will always love her and be proud that we have her. Ariel you are a wonderful baby.

We love you!
Mom and Dad

James Abbott

James Norman Abbott is the son of John and Sara Abbott. He is the grandson of James and Birdie Abbott.

Grandparents are especially proud, as he is our first grand-



Lane and Brianna Harkins

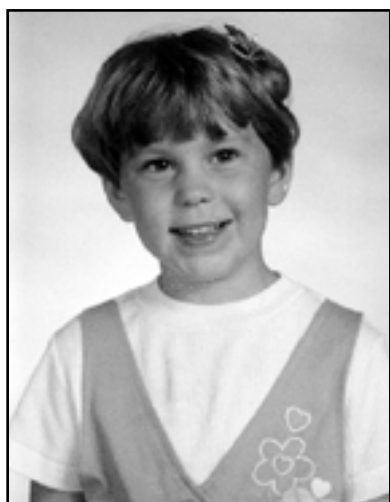


Lane and Brianna Harkins are the children of T.J. and Brian Harkins. They are the grandchildren of Tommy and Pam Jones and Iva and Harry Harkins.

God truly blessed us with Heaven's Angels when he gave us our children. We'd be lost without them.

We love you!

Randie and Ryan Stewart



Ryan and Randie Stewart are the children of Malon and Susan Stewart and the grandchildren of Clarence Rose.

They both are black belts in karate and they are great in sports and they are great kids.

Jessie Frazier

Jessie Sierra Frazier, 7 months, is the daughter of Belvin Frazier and Sherri Altman.

She is a special gift, coming to us at an age when many are having grandchildren. She continues the Chickasaw bloodline, descended from four original enrollees on her paternal side. Her little smile brings joy to our hearts.





Treg and Michael Scott

Treg Lee Scott and Michael Anthony Scott are the sons of Sharmaine Turner and Michael B. Scott. They are the grandsons of Dorothy Ammons and Yvonne Scott.

These two boys are our pride and joys because they always have a smile and are ready to cheer you up when you feel down. They are just a pair of down to earth boys ready to have some fun. We love you both.

Mom, dad and grandma's

Brooke Schumacher

Brooke Schumacher is the daughter of Ken Schumacher and LaDonna Tidwell.

Brooke is our pride and joy for many reasons! She is smart, pretty and has a great sense of humor, and loves to make everyone smile! She enjoys reading, playing Elvis Presley monopoly and watching her favorite cartoons. She is also the Calvin Bulldogs #1 cheerleader. We are extremely proud of you and love you more than words can express. You are mom and dad's little angel, memaw's punkin and pop's



Chayton Gambel, Keely and Amara Ingle



Chayton Phillip James Gambel is the son of Juston and Angela Gambel. He is the grandson of Janet Hart and the late Ricky Hart, Craig and Gwen Gambel and Mike and Rita Dunn.

This child is my pride and joy because he is our only little boy. Even though he is only a couple of months old he already has his very own special personality and is loved very much. He is truly a blessing in our lives.



Keely Danielle and Amara Dawn Ingle are the children of Juston and Angela Gambel and Randal and Shonda Ingle. They are the granddaughters of Janet Hart and the late Ricky Hart, Craig and Gwen Gambel, Mike and Rita Dunn and Devyrle and Linda Ingle.

These children are my pride and joy because they are our two very special little girl angels. Each is different like night and day but are loved all the same. Both are blessings just as their brother

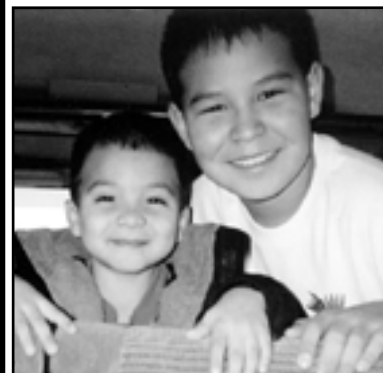
Donna Jo Bell

Donna Jo Bell is the daughter of Dee Dee Bell and the granddaughter of Rufus and Donna Bell.

Donna Jo is thoughtful and funny. She gets good grades and stands up for what she believes in. Happy Sweet 16 on May 9.



Jacob Postoak and Jason Morgan



Jacob R. Postoak is the son of the late Tonya and Ken Postoak. Jason Tyler Morgan is the son of Victoria and Kenny Morgan. They are the grandchildren of Nina and Pedro Molina.

Jacob and Jason are my grandsons, who keep living young and at times grow old. Jacob is 12 years old and lets us know about all the new video games. He lives in Philadelphia, Miss. He comes to visit during the year and on holidays.

Jason lets us know the newest toys for a four year old. He lives in Ardmore, where Nanny and Papa live. He is with us almost every weekend.

Both Jacob and Jason are very smart and Nanny and Papa love them very much and they are our pride and joy.

Grandparents, Nina and Pedro Molina

Krysten and Jacob Wallace

Krysten Rachelle Wallace, 5, and Jacob Wayne Wallace, 1 1/2, are the children of Jason and Kristi Wallace. They are the grandchildren of Joe and Hazel Wallace and Leo and Debbie Poe. They are the nephew and niece of Jeremy and Jon Wallace, Glenn and Krystal Bohanon and Gary and Shonda Poe. They are the great-grandchildren of Pauline Walker and the late Simon Walker.

They are our pride and joy because they bring so much energy and life to our family. These children are God's gift to us. When we need laughter they make us laugh when we need comfort those little hugs comfort us. We cherish every moment as they grow.



Brittney Conway



Brittney Nicole Conway, 5 months, is the daughter of Jim and Linda Conway. She is the granddaughter of Frank and Gloria Baumgartner, Orland Park, Ill., James and Bettie Conway, Livingston, Texas, Don and Peggy Prather, Huffman, Texas, and the late Eleanor Baumgartner. She is the great-granddaughter of Evelyn V. Parker Bennett, Houston, Texas and the late Edgar Vernon Bennett.

This child is our pride and joy because our little lady bug is the sunshine of our lives, she lights up a room with her big blue eyes, laughter and smile. She tugs at our heartstrings whether near or far, because she's our little pride and joy.

Jackson Harris

Jackson Reid Harris is the son of Casey and Rebecca Harris. He is the grandson of Delton and Lori Crutchfield and Kenneth and Ruth Harris. He is the great-great-grandson of Loman Wolf, full-blood Chickasaw.

Jack is our first grandchild and of course we spoil him rotten! He lightens up the room when he walks in and can put a smile on everyone's face. He is a joy to us in every way and we are very proud of him.



Torrion Montgomery and Devian King



Torrion Montgomery, 3, and Devian King, 4 months, are the children of Camelco Tyner and Kelvin King. They are the grandchildren of William and Jacqueline Wright.

They are my pride and joy because their beautiful smiles and faces brighten a cloudy day and fill my heart with joy. I guess that's why they are called GRAND-CHILDREN!

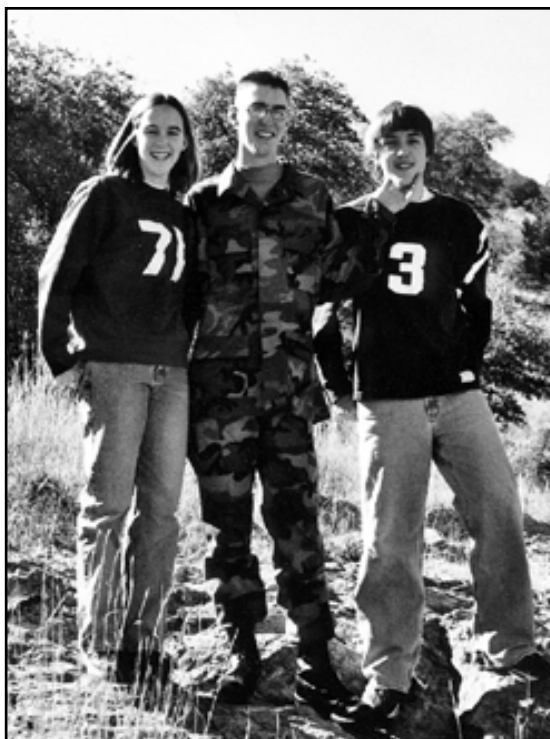
Laura, Matthew and Courtney Wilson



Laura, Mathew and Courtney Wilson are the children of Greg and Jaylean Wilson. They are the grandchildren of Danny and Janet Wilson, Martha Wilson, Richard and Jerrie Easley and Judy Nichols.

They are three sweet little angels sent from above to my husband and I to make our lives full and complete.

Natalia, Phil Jr., and Tyler Lowrance



Natalia Lowrance, Phil Lowrance Jr., and Tyler Lowrance are the children of Phillip and Tanya Lowrance. They are the grandchildren of Oscar (Jr.) and Ollie Lowrance, and Bud and Gail Chandler.

These children are our pride and joy because they are great kids!

Natalia is a junior at Wynnewood High School, Wynnewood, Okla. She is in the Governor's Honor Club, National Honor Society, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, secretary of the WHS student council, vice-president of the WHS art club, member of the gifted and talented program, and the Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Phil Jr., is currently in AIT in Arizona. When completed he will serve the U.S. Army in the Intelligence Field.

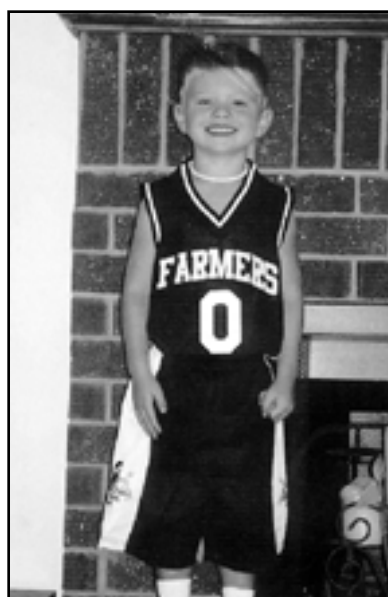
Tyler is in the eighth grade at Wynnewood Junior High School. He is in the Governor's Honor Club, the gifted and talented program, Superintendent's Honor Roll and plays football, basketball and runs track for Wynnewood Junior High. We are extremely proud of our kids and all their hard work and dedication. Love you guys!

Mom and Dad

Koby Walk

Koby Sean Walk is the son of Kely and Marci Walk. He is the grandson of Gary and Connie Walk and the great-grandson of Verlayne Vale O'Meara.

He truly is a gift from God.





Johnathon DelFrate

Johnathon T. DelFrate is the son of Stephanie and Terry DelFrate. He is the grandson of Paulette Greenwood.

He is able to bring a smile to everyone's face at any time. He is such a happy boy that you just can't help but to enjoy times around him.

Rebecca Fain

Rebecca Allison Fain, 22 is the daughter of David and Pamela Fain. She is the granddaughter of Jep and Kathryn Fain and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Park and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Beulah Tracy-Humbert-Billingsley.

Rebecca is a lance corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps. Her family is of Chickasaw, Choctaw and Cherokee descent, who were removed to what is now known as Oklahoma to the Sulphur area. They were known as family names of, Glover, Brasher (Brashear), Christian (Christmas), Tinker and Tracy. From Indian Territory they moved to the Yell County Arkansas area.

Submitted by "Grandma" Kathryn Fain



Hannah Arm-

Hannah Renee Armstrong is the daughter of Danielle and Darrel Armstrong. She is the granddaughter of Sonya Hensley.

She is such a God-send! She brightens everyone's day and gives great hugs and kisses.

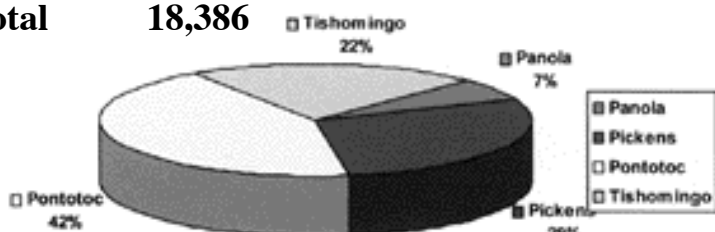
Thank you for all the 'Pride and Joy' submissions. Late submissions will be published in the May paper.

Contact your election office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:
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Chickasaw.net then click government.

Count of voters by district

Panola 1,200
Pickens 5,253
Pontotoc 7,917
Tishomingo 4,016
Total 18,386



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*A Chickasaw Cultural Weekend featuring
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June 24-27 2004

Celebrating Chickasaw Culture and Tradition at Kullihoma Stomp Ground
Recognizing the 68th Anniversary of the Purchase of Kullihoma on June 25, 1936

Located 7 miles east of Ada and 4 miles south of Hwy 1—No Admission Charge
Overnight camp sites available (bring tent and chairs), RV's welcome, limited hook-ups, first come first serve basis with generators permitted only in designated areas

Thursday, June 24—Camp Day

Friday, June 25—Welcome at 10:00 a.m.

Hot dogs and hamburgers served at 6:00 p.m.—Stomp Dance begins at 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 26—Welcome at 10:00 a.m.

"Loksi" race for two age groups: 12 & under, 13 & older at 11:00 a.m.
(bring your own turtle)

Meal will be served at noon

Chickasaw / Choctaw stickball game at 3:00 p.m.

Social Dance from 8—10 p.m.

Stomp Dance begins at midnight

Demonstrations will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and will include the following:

Stomp Dance
Blow Gun
Ballstick Making
Flute Making
Basket Weaving
Horse Shoes

Bow Making
Beadwork
Chickasaw Language
Archery
Finger Weaving
Cooking

Stomp Dance Dress Making
Ribbon Shirt Making
Beaded Necklace
Tomahawk Throwing
Storytelling
Chickasaw Game

Sunday, June 27—Breakfast will be served following the dance & break camp
For information contact Cultural Resources at (580) 332-8685

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Mound-building societies intriguing

Scant history on pre-contact Chickasaws leaves questions

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

As tribal historian, I was invited to present a guest lecture in the Chickasaw Clemente Humanities class at East Central University. Coinciding with my appearance, the instructor, Candessa Morgan, told me she had assigned her students to read Chapter One of Arrell Gibson's book, *The Chickasaws*, as an exercise in selecting and evaluating sources.

This was music to my ears. I had done a good bit of work on that very subject; so I was willing and eager to address the class.

I began the class by asking if during their assigned reading anyone had noticed any incompatibility between the cultural information presented and its sources. Seeing no takers, I plunged on, reading from Gibson's first page, in which he wrote that the chapter is an account of Chickasaws living in their "natural milieu," that is, before contact with Europeans. He identified three sources of information: archaeologists, anthropologists and the writings of European agents and traders who lived among the Chickasaws in the 18th century.

But even James Adair, the most informative among the traders, had written about Chickasaws based on encounters in the second half of the 18th century. These meetings would have occurred at least 70 years after on-going contact with the English had begun. Gibson's anthropologists produced well read and cited articles about Chickasaw culture after interviewing a handful of Chickasaws in the early part of the 20th century—considerably more than two centuries after the Chickasaws first experienced sustained European contact.

John Swanton, a Smithsonian Institution anthropologist, interviewed four or five Chickasaws and combined this information with accounts by the 18th century traders, most notably James Adair. His main informant seemed to be Zeno McCurtain. Columbia University anthropologist Frank Speck produced a paper on early Chickasaw life

that was based apparently on information provided by only one Chickasaw by name, Josiah Mikey, in 1906. I wrote short articles in *the Times*, soliciting information on McCurtain and Mikey but obtained nothing useful.

In other words, none of Gibson's prime sources provided cultural information on Chickasaws in their "natural milieu." The work of archaeologists, the only group mentioned by Gibson with tangible pre-contact evidence, curiously was not included or cited in the chapter.

My point, I told the class, wasn't to be critical of Dr. Gibson. As a history student at OU, I had admired him; he was a star among an excellent faculty of the history department. His book, *The Chickasaws*, had been praised widely and I heard it had been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in history in 1971. Still, after reading articles by archaeologists about the origin of southeastern Indian tribes, I realized that Gibson's first chapter was misleading.

In chapter one, Gibson was purporting to describe pre-contact Chickasaws; actually he and his sources were describing a post-contact tribe. But, before contact, the Indians' social organization was very different.

Years before Gibson wrote his book in the late 1960s, the pre-contact phase in the southeast had been identified as the Mississippian Period (because many Indian settlements were located on or near the Mississippi River basin). Its most characteristic physical feature was earthen temple and burial mounds. They are associated with a chiefdom, an authoritarian political regime that is the opposite of a tribe.

Last month, I accompanied a bus load of Chickasaw Nation administrators and directors on a tour of several sites in the Chickasaw homeland in what is now northeastern Mississippi, northwestern Alabama and western Tennessee. One of the Tennessee stops was at the Shiloh Mounds, which was the seat of government of a relatively large chiefdom in its heyday some 600 to 800 years ago. Enclosed by a

palisaded wooden wall on three sides and the Tennessee River on the other, Shiloh contained at least seven platform mounds, one burial mound, and at least a hundred house sites—all within about 40 acres.

It was ruled by a chief who was thought to be divine or at least communicated with the divine. He figuratively and perhaps literally was at the top of society, in that his word was law and that he probably lived in some structure atop one of the platform mounds. Other members of the elite, but below him, were his family members, and perhaps the heads of other powerful families who might have lived on top of the smaller mounds. The rest of society, if charted, approximated the shape of the mounds, with parts of the hierarchy including artisans, warriors, traders, and priests.

The broad base of chiefdom society was made up of laborers who did what they were told. Either they were coerced or they believed that the chief was divine or divinely inspired. Beyond that, the chief exerted control by administering the distribution of food and precious trade items to other members of the elite class. Some of these prestige items were made locally by artisans and some were produced by artisans hundreds of miles away.

In any event, people on the bottom strata built the mounds. And the mound builders were not just the few hundred people who lived at Shiloh Mounds, but perhaps hundreds or thousands of others who lived along the Tennessee River or its tributaries and were ruled by the Shiloh chiefdom.

This thinking is supported with evidence from excavations of Mound A, the largest mound, which is gradually eroding into the Tennessee River. Archaeologists have discovered that the mound was built in layers and that each layer was capped with different colors of clay. Some of the clay had to be transported relatively long distances before the laborers could haul it up the slopes in baskets to be dumped and stamped down. What the different colors signify is not known.

The Mississippian chiefdoms existed from about 1000 A.D. to approximately 1600 A.D. Archaeologists who have been working at Shiloh Mounds have produced evidence that indicates that they were abandoned about 1400 A.D. What caused the mound-building culture to decline and become extinct? Widespread disease, famine or prolonged warfare are the usual suspects. Where did the mound builders go? No one can trace the path that any group of Indians followed from a chiefdom to a tribe.

No scientific evidence connects Shiloh or any other ancient mound-building people to historic Chickasaws. But many Chickasaws who have visited Shiloh Mounds have said that they feel a special closeness to the place that they believe indicates kinship. And it is quite plausible that many of the migrating or fleeing mound builders, no longer under the yoke of a supreme chief, organized themselves into the

egalitarian Indian tribes who met the Europeans. As English officer Thomas Nairne wrote of the Chickasaws in 1708, "no writter of Politicks...could never contrive a Government where the equallity of mankind is more Justly observed."

Yet when Hernando de Soto cut his bloody trail through the Southeast in the 1530s and '40s, it is evident from the written accounts that chiefdoms and tribes both existed. The scant detail of the Chickasaw encounter suggests that they might have been in a transition from a chiefdom to a tribe.

Virtually nothing more is known of this period before the English and French arrived to find a tribe at the end of the 17th century. That is why Arrell Gibson, in writing of ancient or prehistoric Chickasaws, should have consulted some archaeologists and some Chickasaw elders. In all likelihood, their information would have been very similar.



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Chickasaw Foundation 2004 Scholarships

Donald D. Gunning Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Mr. Donald D. Gunning who had a high regard for and deeply admired the Chickasaw tribe. Mr. Gunning earned a degree in accounting and management from the University of Oklahoma and retired from Sohio Petroleum after 37 years with the company.

This scholarship was made possible by the generous donation of Donald's wife of nearly 60 years, Mrs. J. Wenonah Gunning.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw student in his/her freshman year in any two- or four-year college who demonstrates a financial need.

Gene & Sonam Hill Computercraft Corporation Scholarship

This scholarship is for Chickasaw students who are enrolled in their freshman through senior year at an accredited higher education institution.

Computercraft recruits computer engineers, graphic designers, biologists, conference managers and international trade specialists. Preference may be given to these disciplines; however, the scholarship is not limited to these areas of study. Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

One scholarship is awarded per year; \$750 per semester (\$1,500 total).

Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is named in memory of Ms. Janet Shaley James. Ms. James was very proud of her Chickasaw heritage and deeply believed in obtaining a higher education as initial steps to attaining success.

This scholarship is intended to be used for a general purpose education and students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded.

Bank2 Banking Scholarship - In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton

This scholarship is named in memory of Mr. Robert "Bob" Lee Walton. It was made possible by the generous donation of Bank2 which is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. Mr.

Walton was one of several individuals who had the vision for the Chickasaw people owning their own bank. Without his efforts and encouragement, the bank may have never become a reality.

One scholarship for \$3,000 will be awarded (\$1,500 per semester) to a Chickasaw student enrolled in his freshman through senior year at any four-year college. The student must have a major in business, finance or accounting, and be pursuing a career in banking.

Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship

Native American Fund Advisors is an Indian owned and operated fee based investment management firm and their current owners represent citizenship from the Cherokee, Chickasaw and Muscogee (Creek) Nations.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw student enrolled at any two- or four-year college who maintains a 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale and remains in full-time status for the entire year the scholarship covers.

Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship

One scholarship for \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester) will be awarded to a Chickasaw student in his/her junior or senior year in any four-year college with a major in history, education or pre-law with a minor in history, and an emphasis on Chickasaw tribal history or Native American studies.

To be eligible, a student must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year that the scholarship covers.

Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is named in memory of Mr. Robert "Bob" Lee Walton. Mr. Walton who was a devoted family man as well as being committed to serving the community and his fellow Chickasaw people.

Mr. Walton was a member of the Chickasaw legislature for more than nine years, and was also an active member of several boards including the tribal housing authority board of commissioners, historic capitol ad hoc committee, legislative committee, finance committee, the Board of Directors of

Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., and delegate to the National Congress of American Indians.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded to a Chickasaw graduate, undergraduate or vo-tech student enrolled at any accredited institution of higher education for a general purpose education. To be eligible, the student must remain in full-time status and maintain a GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Ann Eubank Health Scholarship

This scholarship is for Chickasaw graduate or undergraduate students currently enrolled at a institution of higher education and pursuing a health care related degree. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

One scholarship for \$500 will be awarded.

Bank2 Ta'ossaa-asha' Scholarship

This scholarship was made possible by the generous donation of Bank2 which is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. Bank2 began January 4, 2002, and is headquartered in Oklahoma City. The bank is the fastest growing minority bank in the country.

This scholarship is for students majoring in business, finance or accounting and pursuing a career in banking. Students must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year that the scholarship covers to be eligible.

One scholarship for \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) and two \$500 scholarships will be awarded to Chickasaw students enrolled in their freshman through senior year at any two- or four-year college.

Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aasha Scholarship

This scholarship is named in memory of Captain Edward L. Kruger who was one of the first contributors to the Chickasaw Foundation. Captain Kruger entered the Indian Health Service in 1962 and served several American Indian tribes before he moved to Ada, Oklahoma in 1977. He was awarded numerous special service awards by the Chickasaw people and was also awarded the Outstanding Service Medal by the Public Health Service posthumously. He was the only man in the his-

tory of the Indian Health Service to plan, build, staff and operate a new Indian hospital.

One scholarship for \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) will be awarded to a Chickasaw student enrolled in pharmacy school. The student must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year that the scholarship covers and maintain a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Mary K. Moreland & Daniel T. Jenks Scholarship

This scholarship is for students enrolled in their freshman through senior year pursuing a major in education at any four-year college.

One scholarship for \$1,500 (\$750 per semester) will be awarded to a Chickasaw student who remains in full-time status during the entire academic year the scholarship covers and maintains a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Native American Women's Entrepreneurial Scholarship

This scholarship is for female Native American students pursuing a degree in business/

One scholarship for \$1,800 (\$900 per semester) will be awarded to a female Native American student enrolled in their junior or senior year at any four-year college or university, with priority given to students within the Chickasaw Nation service area. To be eligible, a student must remain in full-time status for the entire academic year.

Chickasaw Foundation General Purpose Education Scholarship

This scholarship is for Chickasaw graduate or undergraduate students who are enrolled in an accredited institution of higher

education. This scholarship is to be used for a general purpose education. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

One \$500 scholarship will be awarded.

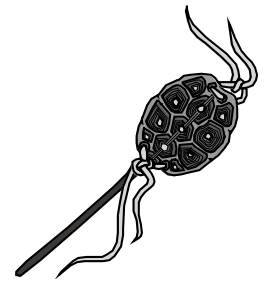
Frederick L. Hill -The Hill Group Scholarship

The Hill Group is a health care communications company with their primary clients being the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institutes of Health and the Indian Health Service. This scholarship was made possible by a generous donation from Mr. Frederick L. Hill.

One scholarship for \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) will be awarded to a Chickasaw undergraduate student for a general purpose education. The student must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

All applicants must complete the scholarship application and supply the appropriate documentation. Incomplete applications and/or applications lacking appropriate support documentation will not be considered. The Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship deadline is on May 31 while all other deadlines are June 1.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship or need additional information, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.



Bank of Oklahoma Scholarship

The Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to 10 Oklahoma high school seniors in the graduating class of 2004. This scholarship is offered to those students enrolling at any approved college or university in the state of Oklahoma with consideration given to students holding a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0

scale, a minimum ACT score of 20 and a minimum SAT score of 930.

Scholarship winners will be selected at random from a pool of qualified applicants. The application deadline is March 31, 2004. For more information or to apply online, visit their website at: www.bok.com/personal/student or call 1-800-204-INFO.

Chickasaw Foundation 2003: Year in Review

The Chickasaw Foundation looks back on 2003 as a successful year, recording several events and opportunities that have benefited numerous Chickasaw citizens in a variety of ways. Fundraising, scholarships and special events highlighted these successes and provided fulfillment of the foundation's mission to serve the Chickasaw people through education, health and community support.

In the area of fundraising, the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan was a successful voluntary program for the Foundation as 36 employees enrolled to have their contributions automatically deducted from their bi-monthly payroll checks for the year. Participants received an ID badge strap-clip with the Foundation logo.

The Oklahoma Arts Council (OAC) granted funding support for the 2003 Chickasaw Festival. The OAC offered this through its Annual Project Support grant for programs that showcase the heritage of a culture through arts and demonstrations. The Avon Grants Foundation provided a grant for a specialized scholarship benefiting Native American women in the area of entrepreneurship, having their own special interests in women's educational advancement. The Microsoft Corporation donated \$15,000 in funds to support a technology enrichment program by the Computer Literacy and Distribution program to expand their donor base. The Pearle Vision Foundation provided a \$5,000 vision care services grant to offset the cost of eye glasses and exams, assisting 85 Chickasaw citizens.

The Oklahoma Zoological Society offered free admission to the Oklahoma City Zoo to school children from a variety of youth programs within the Chickasaw Nation through the ZOO FUNd for Kids grant. The youth programs assisted with this grant include: Carter Seminary, Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs, Head Start and the Chickasaw Nation District and Executive Youth Councils.

The U.S. Department of Education provided continued funding of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs, and funding for the new Educational Talent Search

(ETS) and Upward Bound Math & Science programs. The ETS program identifies and assists students in sixth through twelfth grades while the other Upward Bound programs work with ninth through twelfth grades by addressing their interests in school and helping them to remain focused on their academic goals and objectives. This assistance also provides academic and career counseling, tutoring and even searches for financial aid to minimize tuition costs for students that pursue a higher education.

The Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs have really made a difference in the lives of participating students. Field trips to college campuses and other institutions expanded opportunities that may not have been available through typical means. Students were taken on summer trips to San Antonio, Texas and Durango, Colorado as part of an incentive program to keep them involved with their educational and career development. Encouragement to attend college, or some other form of higher education, has been another method that these programs apply by preparing students for ACT exams and going through the enrollment process to ease the anxiety of taking those first steps toward independence. Overall, these programs had inspired 80% to 100% of participating seniors to enter a postsecondary education institution in 2003.

The Chickasaw Foundation scholarship program for 2003 consisted of the following scholarships:

- Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship,
- Chickasaw Foundation General Education Scholarship,
- Gene & Sonam Hill Computercraft Corporation Scholarship,
- Ann Eubank Health Scholarship,
- Donald G. Gunning Memorial Scholarship,
- Dale L. Moreland Memorial Scholarship,
- Janet Shaley James Memorial Scholarship,
- Bank2 Banking Scholarship – *In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton*,
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Scholarship,

· Edward L. Kruger Memorial Ittish Aaisha Scholarship,

· Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship,

· Native American Fund Advisors Scholarship,

· John Bennett Herrington Scholarship, and

· Native American Women's Entrepreneurial Scholarship.

Fourteen scholarships in all assisted, or will have assisted, Native American students in following their educational pursuits. Increasing this program is another goal for the foundation in 2004 and if you are interested in donating, please contact the Foundation office at (580) 421-9030.

Special events were a major part of the foundation's activities for 2003 and a very gratifying way to recognize and honor the Chickasaw culture, special contributors, volunteers, organizations and people of the Chickasaw Nation.

The 3rd Annual Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Reception in July 2003 honored both the recipients and donors. Held at the Ada Arts & Heritage Center, the event maintained a traditional quality and an elegant casualness with a catered buffet for those that attended.

The 2nd Annual Cultural Evening was held in late September 2003 to honor the Chickasaw people and their culture. Free entertainment and meals were available to all who visited the event. Attendance nearly doubled from the previous year and is expected to increase again in 2004.

This event hosted a separate children's area that gave young visitors the opportunity to make traditional crafts and play games while parents were given an opportunity to explore the evening's activities. Demonstrations by traditional artisans, tours of the replica Chickasaw houses, the Chickasaw Nation dance troupe and Gospel groups were all part of the added entertainment with door prizes and drawings also highlighting the evening.

The 2nd Annual Friends of the Foundation reception was held to honor those who had contributed their time and resources

to the Foundation's cause of fulfilling its mission. Corporate donors, individual donors, tribal departments and volunteers were all recognized for generously giving of themselves to help others.

The Chickasaw Foundation's Annual Open House, held on December 12, 2003, gave Chickasaw employees and others a chance to visit our offices, meet the staff and have our operations explained to better illustrate how we function as a non-profit organization.

The Chickasaw Foundation also provided sponsorship and donations to: Chickasaw Nation Junior Golf Camp, East Central University's Soccer Club Golf

Tournament, Ada Area Office Angel Tree and Special Olympics Oklahoma. Other programs sponsored included: Carter Seminary in Ardmore, Oklahoma with the Kid's Café, a meal program through the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma as well as the Chickasaw Nation Emergency Food Pantry program to assist those in need when natural or personal disaster strikes.

The Chickasaw Foundation is honored to serve the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. The success we achieve is related to the support that is gained from organizations and individuals who share a common interest to expand the growth of the Chickasaw Nation and its members

Chickasaw Foundation Upcoming Events 2004

The Chickasaw Foundation announces its upcoming events for 2004. Be sure to check *the Chickasaw Times* for updates on these events.

· July 27, 2004 – Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Reception at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters Conference Room.

· September 28, 2004 – Cul-

tural Evening at Kullihoma.

· November 12, 2004 – Friends of the Foundation Reception at the Ada Arts & Heritage Center.

· December 10, 2004 – Chickasaw Foundation Annual Open House at the Foundation office located at 110 W. 12th Street, in Ada, Oklahoma.

Chickasaw Foundation officers selected for 2004



Chickasaw Foundation board members from left, Kirk Perry, Dr. Tina Cooper, Deanna Hartley, Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Nathan Hart and Kennedy Brown.

The Chickasaw Foundation has elected new Board officers for 2004. Ms. Deanna Hartley remains as Chairman of the Board, Dr. Tina Cooper has been elected as Vice-Chairman, Dr. Judy Goforth Parker as Sec-

retary and Mr. Nathan L. Hart as Treasurer. We congratulate each elected officer and look forward to their guidance and experience to lead this foundation into 2004 and onto another successful year.

Airington awarded Native American Women's Entrepreneurial scholarship



Women's Entrepreneurial Scholarship. Ms. Airington is currently attending East Central University and majoring in Business Administration, Management Information Systems and Entrepreneurship. An award check for \$2,500 was presented to Ms. Airington by Ms. Deanna Hartley,

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Ms. Johnna R. Walker, executive director of the Chickasaw Foundation.

The Chickasaw Foundation is pleased to have selected Ms. Misty D. Airington as the recipient of the Native American

Upward Bound, Talent Search students study state capitol

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search programs sponsored a trip for 103 of their students and nine staff members to visit the Oklahoma State Capitol to attend Oklahoma's celebration of National TRiO Day. TRiO programs include several federally funded, student assistance programs like Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search. The students were able to tour the Capitol building and the new dome prior to hearing lawmakers present motivating speeches while in session.

This spring, the Upward Bound programs have scheduled several field trips for their students to visit:

- The Kirkpatrick Science and Air Space Museum
- The Ft. Worth Zoo
- Braum's Dairy

Many more visits and field trips are currently being planned. These trips are designed to expand student awareness, increase their exposure and peak their general interest which will motivate the participants and keep them focused on learning.

Zunigha joins Bank2's Native American Services

OKLAHOMA CITY - Curtis Zunigha, former chief of the Oklahoma Delaware Tribe has joined Bank2, as a member of the Native American Services division. Zunigha will serve Native Americans throughout the north-eastern region of Oklahoma.

Zunigha is no stranger to serving as chief of his tribe he has served as a councilman, business manager, housing director, and ambassador to Sweden for the Delaware Tribe. He has also been a Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the State of Oklahoma and an advisor to the U.S. Census Bureau on American Indian populations. He has also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity and Vice-Chairman of the Board for the Oklahoma Institute of Indian Heritage. He is very proud of

his service in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam era.

"We are very proud to have Curtis as a member of our team. He is a highly respected Native American and brings a vast background and experience in dealing with Native American issues," said Ross A. Hill, president/CEO of Bank2. "We are privileged have a former chief among our leadership. No doubt he will represent us well as he seeks to assist us in meeting the vast financial needs among native America."

Bank2 is recognized as one of the nation's fastest growing Native American banks having grown to a \$52 million full service financial institution in just 2 years. Bank2 is owned by the Chickasaw Nation and is headquartered in Oklahoma City.

To learn more about Bank2 log on to www.bank2.biz

Rural transportation summer research program offered by Montana State

Montana State University (MSU) is sponsoring a summer research opportunity for undergraduate students through the Western Transportation Institute in Bozeman, Montana. The Western Transportation Institute's Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program in rural transportation is designed to expose undergraduate students to real-world, innovative and interdisciplinary transportation research while increasing

awareness of the scope and breadth of rural transportation issues.

This program provides support each summer to eight undergraduate students from colleges and universities nationwide to pursue a ten-week research program at MSU in Bozeman, Montana. Students will also have the opportunity to attend technical training workshops and seminars, and participate in on-site visits and technical tours related to the transportation field.

tion field.

Students receive on-campus housing, a \$3,500 stipend and travel support up to \$700. The program runs from June 1 to August 6, 2004. Applications are due by March 31, 2004. Information regarding this opportunity is available at: www.coe.montana.edu/wti/how/Education/reu.html or by contacting Mr. Christopher Strong, P.E., at (406) 994-7351 or by e-mail at ChrisS@coe.montana.edu.

Foundation Donates 250 copies of 'Hunter'



The Chickasaw Foundation recently donated 250 copies of the book, *The Hunter Who Was Not So Great, A Chickasaw Legend* to the Department of Human Services for distribution at the April 3 Children's Fair. Foundation Executive Director Johnna Walker, right, presented the certificate of donation to DHS representatives Vanessa Sawyer and Frances Herrod.

The Chickasaw Foundation has donated copies of *The Hunter Who Was Not So Great*, a Chickasaw legend retold by Dorothy Milligan and illustrated by Freda deOdis Flatt. This book for children demonstrates the values and morals that have been passed down through the generations of Chickasaw people. Two-hundred and fifty copies were donated to the Pontotoc County Department of Human Services (DHS), 40 books were donated to Mike Wingo for the Student Appreciation Night award winners and another 100 books were donated to the participants of the Homeland Bus Tour.

Swift named Bank2 vice president



Doug Swift

OKLAHOMA CITY - Doug Swift has joined Bank2 in the capacity of vice president. Swift brings strong experience in the areas of commercial, installment, construction and

mortgage lending.

In 2003, Swift produced over \$6 million in new loans while managing a loan portfolio of over \$8 million. He is a graduate of Oklahoma State University and the Oklahoma Bankers Association Commercial Lending School.

"Doug is a banker's banker. He is the kind of leader bank presidents seek to secure as a part of their team. He is a bright and seasoned banking professional. A perfect fit for the goals of Bank2. He is sure to serve our customers well," said Ross A. Hill, Bank2 president and CEO.

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Memories of Ahloso School recalled by students

A photo of the Ahloso (OK) School 1949 student body and a request for information about the school published in the March issue of *the Chickasaw Times* triggered many fond memories and brought a number of responses from our readers.

Carmon Murray, who appears in the photo, called to offer more information about other students at the school.

John Ross, a longtime friend of Mr. Murray and another of the students pictured with the 1949 student body, had a great deal of information to share about his Ahloso classmates and their achievements later in life.

According to Mr. Ross, that 1949 photo included many students who would later go on to take prominent positions in society, as well as many who would

go on to raise families, and live successful, quiet lives.

The late Bernice Ripley-Johnson, full-blood Chickasaw, was named Woman of the Year during the Lyndon Johnson administration, according to Mr. Ross.

"She was very prominent in social work," said Mr. Ross. "She married a Johnson boy from around Ardmore. She died a few years ago. She raised probably 20 kids other than her own and she was very prominent in social work down in Texas."

Charles Patterson, who recently retired as the chief gasoline engine design engineer for General Motors, also appears in the photo.

Prominent Chickasaw citizen Lee Frazier is also pictured. Mr. Frazier is a member of the

Chickasaw Dance Troupe and has also served as an instructor of Chickasaw history and culture for the Chickasaw Clemente class.

Also pictured is Monroe Hodges, vice president of the Cowboys for Christ movement.

"(Mr. Hodges) is one of the finest athletes that Oklahoma ever produced," said Mr. Murray.

Mr. Ross added "He has recently been voted to the High School Hall of fame as one of the three finest high school basketball players in the nation."

Cora Whitson (Stick) also brought several photos from Ahloso School during the 1930s. Mrs. Whitson is the daughter of Lincoln and Melvina Stick and cousin of David Stout, for whom the tribal legislative building is

named.

Mrs. Whitson shared memories of her time at Ahloso with fellow students including Dorothy, Jack, Raymond and Bertha Milligan, Ruth Mae Stick, Woodrow Stick - Christina and Grady Nelson, Looni, Guy, Virgil and Stella Perry and Merle and Dean Frazier.

Mrs. Whitson said she used to walk to school with her sisters and brothers. One particular day they were chased through a pasture by a bull. Since she wasn't able to run as fast as her brother, he carried her to safety, but then threw her over a fence once they had outdistanced the bull.

Another day as they were walking to school, they were standing under a railroad overpass when they heard a train coming. Luckily, they moved just in time to avoid being doused with hot water dumped off the train as it passed overhead.

Her memories also include taking lunches to school that consisted of biscuits with salt pork and biscuits with jelly, which she said her brother would

often trade for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Miranda Byers shared that her mother, Nancy Byers, was the adopted daughter of James and Audry Treas, the adults appearing on the right side of the photo.

Mr. Treas was principal and coach at the school and his wife Audry was a teacher there.

Nancy, whose maiden name was Fulsom, sent photos of her days at Ahloso School during the 1960s.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Cora Whitson



Cora Whitson contributed this 1930s Ahloso class photo.

Chickasaw West gathering May 8

The Annual Chickasaw Gathering, sponsored by Chickasaw West, will be Saturday, May 8, 2004 at Santee Lakes, Santee, Calif.

The annual gathering brings together Chickasaws from across California, the West and other states.

The gathering begins at 9 a.m. Saturday and runs through 5 p.m. Lunch and beverages will be served from noon through 1 p.m. Organizers ask that you please bring a side dish to share.

There is an entrance fee of \$3 per vehicle. Parking is next to the picnic area. Attendees are asked to bring lawn chairs. There is a covered area in case of rain.

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Nancy Fulsom Byers, front row far right, contributed this photo of the 1965 Ahloso graduating class.

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Ahloso 1949 student body: making way through life



Ahloso (OK) School class photo, 1949.

We share here the memories John Ross recounted of the 1949 student body of Ahloso School.

Back row from left are Mrs. Troy Melton (who was substituting for Mrs. West), Marvin Barbee, Dr. Martin Stokes, Carmon Murray, James Flowers, Max Vernet, Jack Bell, Earl Owens, Hiawatha Perry, Marylou Cartmill, Bernice Ripley (maiden name). "When President Johnson was president she was named as woman of the year out of Texas, said Mr. Ross. "She was very prominent in social work. She died a few years ago. She raised probably 20 kids other than her own and she was very prominent in social work down in Texas."

Carmon Murray added that Miss Ripley was full-blood Chickasaw.

Next to Ms. Ripley is Sylvia Lee Harrell, Sue Bell, who is now married to Eskin Brashier.

Next to her is Houston Shields, who was a truck driver, J.L. Henry, was a minister. Christine Cunningham, Avalos Bennett, Georgia Mae Sims, Mildred Stokes, Lee Frazier, John Ross. Joe Cartmill, R.C. Adams, Police Chief Pete Gray, Lavonda Harrell, Ms. Treas and Mr. Treas, the principal.

Next row from left are Mr. T.W. Sims, who recently retired from the City of Ada as the water and sewer and streets head. Next to him is his brother, Louis Sims, Ermily Henry, Shirley Looney-Mann, whose son was almost killed in the bombing in Beirut, Lebanon. Next is Josie Mae Murray, Carmon's sister. Next is Barbara Looney, now McDonald, Peggy June Sims, Joynell Blankenship, Etta Fern Barbie, Minnie Louise Hardin, Monroe Hodges, who is a prominent Elk in Ada, and who is also the vice president of the Cowboys for Christ movement that does all

the fund raising.

"He is one of the finest athletes that Oklahoma ever produced," said Mr. Murray. Mr. Ross added "He has recently been voted to the High School Hall of fame

as one of the three finest high school basketball players in the nation."

This is Mr. Don Thompson, recently retired from Ideal Ce-

ment. Kenny Ward, Charles Patterson, who recently retired as the chief gasoline engine design engineer for General Motors.

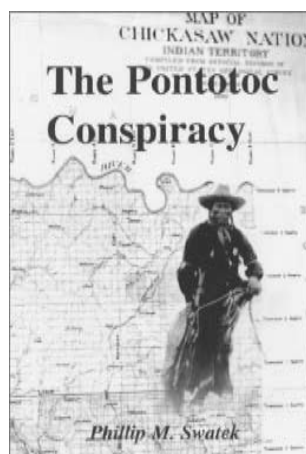
Those Mr. Ross recognized on the third row include Paul Wayne Harrell (followed by four Mr. Ross did not recognize), Kay West, Lois Sims, That's another little Henry girl. There's Margaret Looney, who later married Tommy Stephens. And down here that's Donald Mosier, who went ahead to make a name for himself in electronics. And that's his little brother, Glenn, who also went off to do something really important.

Those Mr. Ross recognized on the first row include, Carlton Green, who is part Chickasaw. and Hugh Lane Looney, Frankie Barbie, Carlton Gray, who recently retired from PEC as chief of the linemen, Donald Brashier and Jerry Hatton.

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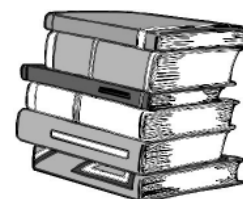
Featured Selections of the Month



Oklahoma Section

The Pontotoc Conspiracy
By Phillip M. Swatek

The Pontotoc Conspiracy is the story of the assassination that led to the community crisis, and then the dreadful decision townsmen had to make to bring certain justice. No one involved has ever been indicted for the crime they committed, or even identified. None ever said the first word about it, a crime that riveted the nation's attention nearly one hundred years ago. The Pontotoc Conspiracy had to be, therefore, a creation of imagination. (Inside cover)



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Periodicals Section

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The Marshall County Chickasaw Council invites everyone to a "Music Fest," May 15, 2004, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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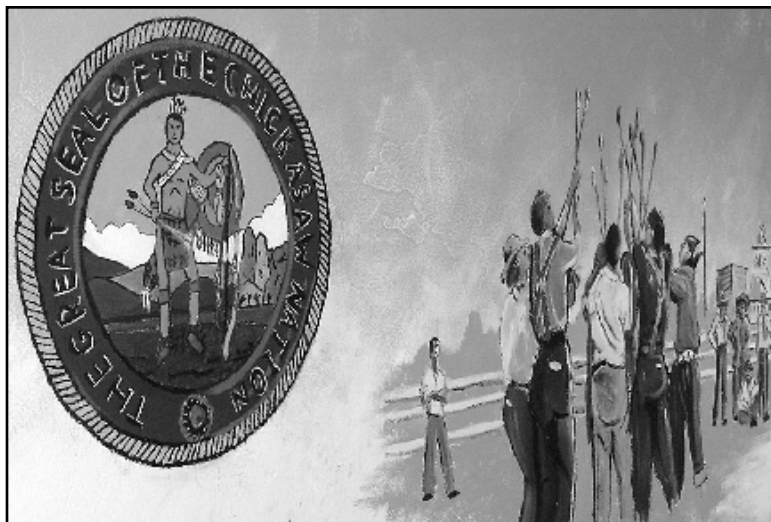
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Pauls Valley mural includes Chickasaw history



Chickasaw history plays a major part in the history of Pauls Valley, as celebrated in murals recently completed at the town's junior high school.

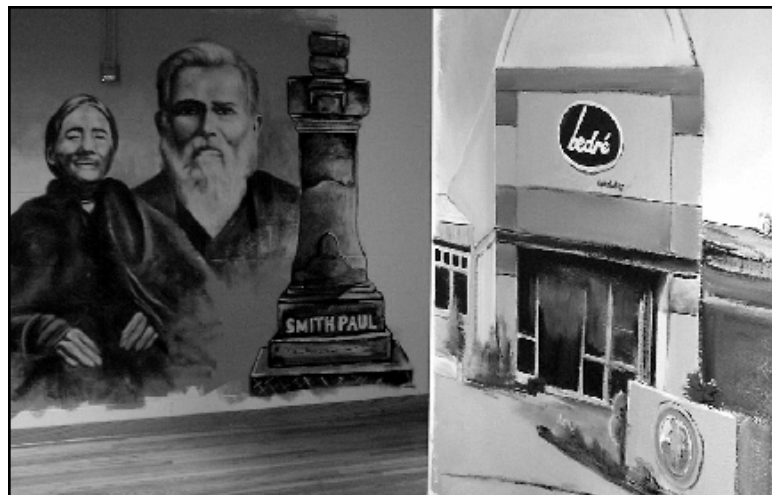
PAULS VALLEY, Okla. - high school basketball court. Pauls Valley history and Chickasaw history are intertwined in a mural adorning the walls of the walkway above the town's junior

factory, a Chickasaw Enterprises facility.

Smith Paul was a Scotsman who moved to Oklahoma about 1837. Shortly thereafter, he married full-blood Chickasaw Ella Teacha, and together, the couple founded Pauls Valley.

"It is very interesting to learn about the history of the town as we paint these scenes," said University of Central Oklahoma Professor of Art, Dr. Bob Palmer recently took several of his students to Pauls Valley to paint the mural.

Murals also include the Chickasaw seal, a stickball scene and a scene of Chickasaw elder Sim Greenwood teaching a young Chickasaw boy the art of bow making.



Murals at the Pauls Valley Junior High School begin with a portrait of Scotsman Paul Smith and wife Ella Teacha, a full-blood Chickasaw, who founded the town, and end with a painting of the recently completed Bedre' Chocolates factory.

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Students of the Month

Students of the month have been selected for September through December in all four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the four districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month receives a recognition plaque and a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Taylor Burkhalter and **Kelsie Meek** of Colbert are September students of the month in Panola District.

Taylor Burkhalter is very responsible and a hard worker, said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. "She is well mannered and has a terrific personality." She is in the sixth grade at the Colbert East Ward School where She participates in program and activities and enjoys learning about her heritage.



Kelsey Meeks is a excellent student, said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter "She has a pleasant personality and is a good role model." She is a senior at Colbert High School, where she is actively involved in several school organization and enjoys learning and sharing her Indian culture with others.



Jacob Carroll of Greenville, **Kori Royal** of Plainview, **Starla P. Parker** Greenville, **Preston Cox** of Plainview, **Jared Brady** of Healdton, and **Crystal May** of Plainview are September stu-

dents of the month for Pickens District.

Jacob Carroll is a third grade student. "He is a sweet cooperative student and gets along well with his classmates and other students at school," said Mrs. Grant.



Kori Royal is a 5th grade student and is very responsible. "She shows a strong work ethic for someone so young said,"



Vickie Collier. She attend tutoring and has a beautiful, bright spirit and is a joy to be around.

Starla P. Parker is in the eighth grade. "She is always willing to go that extra mile, whether it be academically or socially said,"



Mrs. Richardson. It's the little things that she does on a daily bases that make her an out standing student.

Preston Cox is an excellent student. "He works hard to make passing grades," said Estherlain Stick. I don't have to worry about him because he checks his grades to make sure he is passing."



Jared Brady is a good student and a leader in his class," said D. Lewis. He is on the National Honor Society, a member of the student council and participates in football and baseball. He is enhancing his education by taking physics and calculus courses on-line. He is a outstanding student and is respected by his peers.



Crystal May is a sophomore student of excellent character. "She is honest, works hard and has an eye to-



wards the future," said Bob Hare. She has already contacted the University of Oklahoma and requested a list of recommended classes and is working to meet those recommendations. She

works hard in class and though she doesn't have the resources at home that many of our students have, she compensates through hard work and persistence. She is certainly a student to be proud of.

Ruthieann Leslie, Jeremy Cox, Ramey Reamy, Destanie Northcutt, Ryan Ringle all of Latta are September students of the month for Pontotoc District.



"Ruthieann Leslie is new to our district, but that has not been a detriment in any way. She is a very friendly young lady who seems to make friends easily," said Sandi Lawrence. She is quite a responsible student and takes her grades seriously. With this type of attitude and personality it will help her succeed. She is a most deserving student.



"Jeremy Cox is always very polite and respectful, not just to me but to everyone. He has very good work

habits and his attitude makes him a pleasure to have in class," said Mrs. Deborah Priest, Latta fourth grade teacher.

"Ramey Reamy is a hard working student who meets each day with excitement," said Holly K. Wood and Terry Painter. "When faced with new challenges in class, Ramey expects hard work from himself. He tries to improve his skills and doesn't give up on his goals."



"Destanie Northcutt is an extremely pleasant and polite student," said Holly K. Wood and Terry Painter. She does quite



well in her classwork, and she constantly displays a positive attitude. She challenges herself to do her best, and she is a good role model for her peers."

Ryan Ringle came to Latta last year as a ninth grade student and as we continually become acquainted with Ryan, it has been apparent that he is a real asset to



Latta High School. Not only is Ryan extremely talented in his artistic abilities - both visual art and preforming martial arts - he also works hard in his classes and sets a solid example for his classmates to follow. In his own quiet and reserved manner, Ryan is very respectful of others and get along with other students and teachers. We are proud to name Ryan Ringle as LHS Chickasaw Nation student of the month.

Preston Converse of **Milburn, Emily Miller, Patrick Ferris, and Hannah Mayo** all of Ravia are the September students of the month in the Tishomingo District.

Preston Converse is an A-plus student in all areas of academic studies. "He is sensitive to people's feelings and is aware and thankful for the good things God has given us," said Marilyn



Johnson. "He is loyal to all his classmates, protecting those who have trouble academically. He is always polite and respectful to his teachers."

Emily Miller is a perfect example of an extraordinary student. "She is hardworking and attentive," said June Kirkpatrick. Her work is always neat and turned in on time. Emily is kind and considerate of others.

Patrick Ferris is a very well behaved and mannerly young man who is responsible and dependable, said Bill Vann. He takes his school work seriously and is a joy to have in my class.

Hannah Mayo is a marvelous young lady. "I have known her for several years and she is one of my best students," said Rose Wooley. She works hard, is cooperative and respectful.



Always gives her most in class. I highly recommend her for any honor or award.

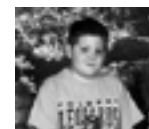
Padyn Hobgood, Nathan Roach, and Lerran Paddock are the October students of the month for the Panola District.

"Padyn Hobgood is an excellent student, well liked by her peers and a hard



worker. She has a terrific personality and is well mannered," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. Padyn participates in school sports and other activities and enjoys herself tremendously.

Nathan Roach is a fifth grade student at Eastward Elementary. "He is a very good student, a quite natured young man with a friendly personality,"



said Wanda Williams & Linda Carter. He is an honor student and active in the Boy Scouts, summer league sports and other programs.

Lerran Paddock is a senior at Colbert High School. "She is an outstanding young lady and is a positive role model to all her peers, with a promising future ahead of her," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. She participates in several school athletics organization. Lerran enjoys herself and shares her pride for her culture with others.

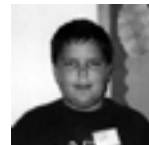


Cheyenne Keith, Jared Barber, Darin Powell of Greenville, **Chrissy Phipps** of Plainview, **Rick Allen** and **Megan Bowen** of Comanche are the October students of the month in the Pickens District.

"Cheyenne Keith is in the first grade and is a very interesting child. She is very willing and eager to learn," said Michele McLain. She tries to do everything she does to the best of her ability and always has a smile on her face. She is a joy to be around.



Darin Powell is in the seventh grade and is new to our school. "I have seen that he is a good friend to his peers and has good morals and has a smile that catches your eye," said Kris Doughty. I believe he has a great start at being whom he will be in years to come.



Jared Barber is a fifth grade student. "He is always giving 100 percent. He



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may not always make A's or B's, but you know that he is doing the best that he possibly can," said Tracy Doolan. He strives to do his best in everything he does.

Chrissy Phipps is a very good student. "She has excellent study habits and is always respectful of others," said Estherlain Stick. She knows sign language and won the spelling bee last year.

She is my choice for student of the month.

"Rick Allen attends school everyday with a great attitude. He works diligently, finishing all work that is assigned to him," said Elizabeth Russel. He has even worked ahead in his studies this semester, completing more than what was expected of him. Rick's is dependable and has a great attitude.

"Meagan Bowen has proven to be a fine student, always involved in school activities and functions," said Steven Dunham. She has done a great job balancing her studies with work and the technology center, but above all, Meagan is a young woman of high moral standards. Honest to a fault and able to shoulder great responsibility. She would be a fine recipient of the award.

Michael Alexander, Cheyenne Crews, Tara MacCollister, Mark Ernst, Kacey West all of Latta are the October students of the month for the Pontotoc District.

"Michael Alexander should be the student of the month because he is not only a good student, but he is well behaved and a good citizen," said F. Cantwell. He is thoughtful and kind and gets along with his classmates. Michael works hard also and is deserving of this honor.

"Cheyenne Crews is a very good, hard working student," said Scarlett Barton. She is respectful to others, very dependable and

very deserving of this award.

Tara MacCollister is a junior high student. "She is a very strong student and athlete," said Terry Painter. She is a pleasure to be around.

"Mark Ernst is a very personable young man who participates in extra curricular as well as classroom activities with enthusiasm," said Terry Painter and Donna Boiles. He always has a smile on his face and is willing to help others. Mark would be a good role model for others.

"Kacey West is a pleasure to have as a student. She is always very pleasant around others and she is a very hard worker," said Stan Cochran. She is our school cheer-

leader and represents Latta in a positive way. In the classroom, Kacey is a model student and she is committed to doing her best. She is a very good representative of our school and Chickasaw Nation.

Josh Lemmond, Kalie Foster, Shantel Taylor, Bryson Vann all of Wapanucka and **Justin James** of Ravia are the October students of the month for the Tishomingo District.

Josh Lemmond is an outstanding student. "He works hard and is eager to learn," said Kenni Lane. Josh is very outgoing and likes to try new things.

Kalie Foster is an excellent student. "She works hard and is determined to do her best in anything," said Kenni Lane. Kalie's personality is outgoing and friendly. She is a good student to have.

Justin James has been at Ravia school for the past three years. "He is a very polite student and is always eager to help out any way he can," said Debbie Akins.

"Shantel Taylor is a very



friendly and outgoing young lady. She is a responsible student who makes straight A's and always cooperates in class," said Bill Vann. Shantel is quick to volunteer to help in any capacity she can and helps others when they need it.

"Bryson Vann has been a student in my class for the past few weeks, but in the time he has shown himself to be a model student," said Rose Wooley. Bryson is very intelligent and gives 100% to his academic success. He is friendly, charming and has a great sense of humor. He's one awesome teen.

Skyler Nole Glinn, Brett Crosby, Kristin Pate, Chad Phelps all of Claera, **Dillon Cummins, Brittani Young** both of Colbert are the November students of the month for the Panola District.

"Skyler Nole Glinn is truly a wonderful little girl. She demonstrates a caring and loving spirit about her work and play," said Jackie Kelley.

One great quality about Skyler is that she is eager to learn new concepts. It's a great honor to have had Skyler as a former student.

"Brett Crosby is a student at Calera Public School. He is a good math student," said Stacy Cordell-Thompson. An all around student.

Kristin Pate is always a pleasure. "She is a good student and an outstanding FCCLA member," said Paula Moore. You can always count on her to be helpful and to share a smile.

Chad Phelps is an outstanding teenager. "He is a good student, a diligent worker who is not afraid to ask questions and to work hard to accomplish his goal," said Dianne Henderson. He has integrity, manners, and principles. He is a role model to other students in his words and his deeds. Chad maintains his grades.



Dillon Cummins is a young man with a vivid imagination and story telling abilities. "Dillon is interested in outdoor sports, especially hunting and is encouraged and taught by his dad to respect mature and the world in which we live," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. He is an average student who over compensates and becomes an above average student, which has qualified him to be on the honor roll. Dillon has been selected by the teachers a student of the month because of his personality, character, responsibility, and his general over all good nature.

Brittani Young is a seventh grade student at Colbert Middle School. "Brittani is a very quiet young lady," said Wanda Williams and Linda Carter. She is very friendly and one of our honor students. She works hard and is well liked by her teachers and fellow students. Brittani has a sweet and charming, yet shy personality. Brittani would be a good candidate for this award.

Kelsie Lynn Tucker, Mason Bowen, Kyle Allen Tucker, Kayla Sowell, Michael Walden all of Comanche, and **Kala Hensley** of Plainview are the November students of the month for the Pickens District.

"Kelsie Lynn Tucker is a wonderful student who works diligently in everything she does," said Christine Dunham. She is also full of enthusiasm for learning. Her citizenship is exceptional as well. She tries to help others and enjoys doing so. She definitely deserves "student of the month."

"Mason Bowen is a sweet boy. He exemplifies good character, shows respect to everyone," said Leslie McGuire. Mason encourages those around him and is a pleasure to have in class. I feel that these exceptional qualities will help Mason succeed in whatever he does in the future.

Kyle Allan Tucker should be selected as "Student of the month, because he is a terrific student," said Bandy Sanders. Not only do his grades reflect the type of student he is, but his

leadership skills in and out of the classroom reflect his ability to lead our school and provided himself as a role model for other students.

Kayla Sowell is a student at Comanche High School. "I would like to nominate Kayla for Chickasaw Nation student of the month. Kayla has a cumulative GPA of 3.54," said Jacque Anderson. Kayla is very involved in extra-curricular activities and is a team player. Kayla is definitely deserving of this honor.

Michael Walden is a young man of exemplary character. "He always works hard to be prepared for class," said Sue Garrett. He will succeed in life and college, because he is determined. Michael is worthy.

Kala Hensley is an outstanding student. "She works very hard to keep her good grades and is always respectful of her peers and teachers," said Estherlain Stick. She is a hard worker and is also on the Governor's Honor Roll. She would be the one I would pick for student of the month.

Ashli Worcester, Daniel Wilburn, Whitney Brown, Kyle Whitebuffalo, Danielle Jones, and David Highfield all of Latta are the November students of the month for the Pontotoc District.

Ashli Worcester is a model student in the class. "She is a cooperative and alert third grader who accepts responsibility beautifully," said Kathy Brendle. I can depend on Ashli to set a good example in citizenship as well as scholarship. She is very deserving of the "student of the month" award.

"Daniel Wilburn is a bright and intelligent young man. Daniel is involved in sports and church activities," said Tammy Collins. If you need a story told, Daniel is the young man to do it for you. He is a very engaging and out-go-

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ing young man.

Whitney Brown is a student at Latta Jr. High. "She is a very sweet and a very smart girl with talent," said Terry Painter.

Kyle Whitebuffalo is a student at Latta Jr. High. Kyle is a great kid with a great attitude and is cooperative and tries his best in class, said Terry Painter and



Nancy Young.

Danielle Jones is doing a very good job at Latta School during her senior year. "She seems to always be positive and pleasant with those around her," said Stan Cochran.



She works hard in the classroom to take care of her academic responsibilities. This year Danielle works in my office as a student aide and she always represents our school in a positive manner when parents and visitors come to the school. We are proud of Danielle and the accomplishments she is making.



David Highfield is a very well mannered young man who makes a positive difference at Latta High School. He is respectful of those around him and he does things "the right way," said Stan Cochran. One thing that I have observed in David is his regard for the truth. I know that David will be honest with other people. It is because of these character traits that David is our school's Chickasaw Nation student of the month.

Brittney Treas, Logan Hatter, Jalesa Harrison, Jareth Ray, Casandra Robertson, Wilyon Lee Smith all of Wapanucka are the November student of the month for the Tishomingo District.

Brittney Treas is an outstanding fifth grade student. "She maintains a straight A average in all of her subject areas and participates in extra-curricular activities, such as 4-H, sports, and Little Dribblers," said Mrs. Williams. Brittney always



has a very positive attitude and puts forth her best effort each day at school.

Logan Hatter is a third grader at Wapanucka School. He has attended Wapanucka since Headstart. While there Logan has earned several awards, include spelling, penmanship, and citizenship. He does excellent academic work. Said Kenna Lain. Logan plans to attend college someday.



Jalesa Harrison is a very well behaved young lady who applies herself in the classroom," said Bill Vann. She gets along well with others and is will liked by her classmates. She is cooperative and attentive in class.



Jareth Ray is a very cooperative and well-behaved young man," said Bill Vann. Along with being a serious student, he is attentive in class and gets along very well with others.



Casandra Robertson has been a student in my English class the past two years. She is an excellent student and is very concerned about her grades," said Rose Wooley. She is doing well academically. She is a kind friendly young lady who gets along well with others and is always willing to help.



Wilyon Lee Smith has been a student in my English class for the past three years. He is a bright, hard working student," said Rose Wooley. His best quality is his polite, kind gentle nature. He is always willing to help and well-liked by others.



Hailey Block, Garrison McCauley, Megan Block, Whitney McCauley, Chris Branch all of Comanche and **Darin Powell** of Greenville are the December

students of the month for the Pickens District.

Hailey Block is a responsible student and strives to do her best. She is kind to her classmates and teachers," said Joann Ball and Gail Curchman. We are very proud to have her in class, she is a real asset.

Garrison McCauley is a good student who tries his best in all school subjects. "He is very respectful to teachers and he is well liked by his peers," said Sheila Gann. I appreciate the fact that he has a great willingness to succeed in all areas of life.

Megan Block is an excellent student. "With high expectations for herself," said Bandy Sanders. She is a true leader in our school who models not only high academic achievement, but high behavioral standards as well.

Whitney McCauley. "As her principal, I have had the opportunity to witness Whitney for the past four years. I have found her to be an excellent student and a true leader in her class," said Steven Dunham. She has received numerous academic and athletic awards and has demonstrated a high level of character and honesty. She would be an excellent recipient of the award.

Chris Branch is a very dedicated young man that excels at everything he puts his mind to and I would like to nominate him for student of the month," said Jacque Anderson. He is a wonderful leader and role model for out students. Chris will be a valedictorian for his senior class.

Darin Powell is new to our school this year, "I have seen that he is a good friend to his peers and has good morals and a smile that catches your eye," said Kris Doughty. I believe he has a great start at being whom he will be in years to come.

Adreanna Underhill, Hunter Erwin, Kathlyn Babcock, Clint Lane all of Latta. **Lacey Davenport** of Wynnewood are the December students of the month for the Pontotoc District.

Adreanna Underhill is a hard working student and a kind and polite person," said Lisa Roberts. She is self motivated and intelligent. She shows great potential as an artist and is a worthy candidate for student of the month.

Hunter Erwin is a very bright student. "He is an efficient time

manager as well as a good listener," said Jana Yound. During his free time, he reads library books (he is becoming a very good reader). He is also talented in art, his drawings are detailed and seem to be advanced for a first grade student. Hunter is a very good student in all areas.

Kathlyn Babcock is a student at Latta Jr. High. "She is a sweet girl and a good student with a great attitude," said Terry Painter. She is on the Governor's Honor Roll and is active in many activities.



Clint Lane is a student at Latta Jr. High. Clint is a very nice young man with a bright future. Clint would be a great pick for student of the month. He would represent the Chickasaw Nation well.



Lacy Davenport is a student at Wynnewood High School. "I would like to begin by saying that I am very honored to be asked to write this recommendation for Lacy. She is very smart and her grades have been a top priority for her,"



said Angie Dixon. While maintaining a high GPA, Lacy has been cheerleader for both basketball and football, student council, track, science club and the art club. She has many friends and makes her own decisions and does not give into peer pressure. She is beautiful, smart, athletic, friendly, goal-oriented, a Christian young woman. Lacy is so deserving of this honor.

Macy Hilburn, Micheal Walker, Brittany Buie, Abe Blackburn, Misty Floyd, and Josh Boggs all of Wapanucka are the December students of the month for the Tishomingo District.

Macy Hilburn is a very hard worker and is very dependable. She comes to school regularly and is ready



to work," said Kenni Lane. Marcy turns her work in on time and is commendable. I am proud to have her in my class.

Michael Walker is a good student. He always has a positive attitude. His special interest is in the field of science. Michael always makes straight A's in science. He also shows animals



in 4-H.

Brittany Buie is a friendly young lady, who gets along with her classmates," said Bill Vann. She maintains a solid grade point average and is an active participant in classroom activities.

Abe Blackburn is a straight A student who is well-liked by his classmates. He is attentive and always behaves in a respectful manner.



Misty Floyd has been a student in my English class for the last two years. She is a hard working student, who tries her best to do well in all of her classes," said Rose Woolley. Misty is active in extra curricular activities and a main part of the basketball team. She is friendly, quiet and well-behaved.



Josh Boggs has been a student in my English class for the past three years. He loves to read and learn new things," said Rose Woolley. Josh is very knowledgeable and is always willing to help someone out. He is friendly and pleasant and easy to get along with always.



Congratulations to all our "Students of the Month!"

Everyone at the Chickasaw Nation is very proud of you and we wish you much success in your academic careers.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Pieces from 1600s through Removal

Collection of Chickasaw artifacts acquired by tribe

By **RICHARD GREEN**
Contributing Writer

The largest collection in the world of predominately 18th century Chickasaw artifacts was acquired by the Chickasaw Nation last month. The collection had been in the possession of three Tupelo, Mississippi, area collectors. The collections, delivered in various containers, each encompasses approximately six feet by six feet by four feet high.

When the three individual collections became available simultaneously, Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby said he felt obligated to bring the thousands of artifacts back under tribal control.

"By acquiring the collection, the material is now consolidated under our control," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Otherwise, in all likelihood, the artifacts eventually would have been sold to various collectors throughout the world. We intend to learn all we can from these materials about how our ancestors lived and adapted to the changing circumstances in tribal life."

The artifacts consist of the durable materials of Chickasaw life from the late 1600s to the removal period in the late 1830s. Many artifacts were made by Chickasaws from natural materials, such as shell, clay and stone. These include arrow points, gun flints and deerhide scrapers, pipes, pottery fragments and costume decorations.

However, the majority of the artifacts were European made and were used or adapted both for functional and decorative purposes. Primarily, these include glass objects such as bottles, mirrors and a large variety of thousands of glass trade beads; ceramic fragments; silver decorative objects; and metal tools, including musket and pistol parts and ammunition, hoes, axes and assorted cooking ware.

The collections were obtained from the three major collectors in the Tupelo area, Steve Cook, a civil engineer; Julian Riley, a retired certified public accountant; and Buddy Palmer, who recently retired from the family grocery business. Riley said that

the three owned probably about 80 percent of the Chickasaw artifacts in the hands of Tupelo-area collectors.

Most of the artifacts came from 18th century Chickasaw village sites, and were either found within graves or in pits (called middens) that were used for trash. Upon death, many Chickasaws from this time period traditionally were buried under their houses with their favored objects that were selected to accompany them to the afterlife. According to Gov. Anoatubby's policy, these burial items are considered sacred and will not be on public display.

Material from the trash pits is not considered sacred and may be displayed. While some material normally thought of as grave goods has been found in middens (such as trade beads), most items include large amounts of pottery fragments and pieces of metal objects, such as broken hoes and axes, animal bones and various "killed" items, meaning they were deliberately broken or destroyed.

Most of the items have little financial value in and of themselves, but Gov. Anoatubby said their value to the Chickasaw Nation is priceless both in large and small ways. For example, there is a French grenade recovered from the remnants of the Chickasaw village of Ogoula Tchetoka, which was attacked by French-led forces in March 1736.

The man who found it believed it was a (Civil War) cannonball, but Cook thought otherwise because it had a hole in it for a fuse. Moreover, after the man told Cook where he'd found the iron ball, Cook knew it was Ogoula Tchetoka. From accounts of the battle that he had read Cook knew that French grenadiers had participated. "Some of the powder was still in the grenade," said Cook. "It had not exploded perhaps because

after it was hurled over the wall of the village's protective fort, a Chickasaw had yanked out the fuse before it could detonate."

Eventually all of the artifacts could be stored in the new Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur. Although the burial items will not be on display, replicas of selected artifacts are expected to be part of the museum's exhibit. Furthermore, Gov. Anoatubby said it may be possible for Chickasaw citizens to view the collection in private. Scholars also may apply for access to the collection, although no invasive or destructive testing on the funerary objects will be permitted. Persons with comments on these matters should address them to Kirk Perry, administrator of heritage preservation.

The collectors found most of the artifacts during the 1960s and '70s, when the city of Tupelo was expanding. Housing and commercial developments and road construction destroyed many of the Chickasaw village sites, the residue of which was usually only a foot or two below the surface. Cutting into the earth, bulldozers and other heavy machinery, including farm plows, exposed (and often further damaged) artifacts as well as human remains.

The collectors said that most of their artifacts were gathered in this manner or after soil erosion revealed some artifacts. From their research of historical documents, they knew that Chickasaws almost always lived on ridge tops overlooking streams or creek beds. So when a development was going in on or across a ridge top in Lee County or southeastern Pontotoc County, they knew that artifacts would turn up. During the seventies, each man more or less became a student of Chickasaw history; they studied documents and colonial records and matched

these accounts with the types of artifacts in various locations. In 1980, they wrote and distributed a paper to numerous archaeologists and libraries about the locations of Chickasaw village sites across the 18th century.

When their paper failed to attract serious attention from archaeologists, the collectors stopped collecting actively and basically went their separate ways. But they continuously refused offers to sell their collections in hopes that one day their material would be exhibited in a Tupelo-based cultural center that would emphasize the historic Chickasaws. But city and county officials never adequately backed the idea.

Ironically, now that the Chickasaws have obtained the collections, the move to develop a Chickasaw cultural center in Tupelo seems to be gaining momentum. The mayor of Tupelo, Larry Otis, has conferred with Gov. Anoatubby, who is interested in discussing how the Chickasaws could be helpful. The National Park Service also has demonstrated its willingness to be part of a collaborative project.

Cook said he and the others

also have volunteered to be part of a proposed collaborative project (with the Chickasaw Nation and city and county officials) to protect and preserve the significant number of Chickasaw village sites that have not been destroyed, but may be threatened by future development. The collectors know generally and in some cases specifically where the villages are located.

Gov. Anoatubby asked Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel to negotiate the agreement with the collectors. Keel said, "Having these objects in our possession will allow us to teach our citizens our history in a more detailed accounting about when we lived in our homelands. Our learning from this acquisition is only beginning."

Gov. Anoatubby said the artifacts will be identified and analyzed by experts and grouped according to where they were found. "This should generate scholarly articles and even more research possibilities. We can't yet even imagine all the potentials."

Chickasaw Nation WIC Program Meets Nutrition Needs

Chickasaw Nation Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinics in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan offer assistance meeting the nutritional needs of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five.

The WIC Program offers nutrition education along with a supplemental food package high in protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C to help families improve their diet.

Food packages include milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, carrots, tuna and peanut butter or dry beans/peas and infant formula for infants if needed.

In the summer months, Chickasaw Nation WIC participants are eligible for Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

checks for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers' markets

WIC also promotes breastfeeding as the best method for feeding infants and helps people get immunizations and health care. Certified breastfeeding educators are available to assist mothers who choose to breastfeed and electric breastpumps are available for use by WIC participants.

To participate, women must be pregnant or breastfeeding or have children up to five years of age, meet income guidelines and have a health and nutrition check at a WIC office.

For information, call toll free 1-888-436-7255 or (580) 436-7255.

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Letter to the Editor:



Jessica Shaw

Dear Editor,

I am a cousin to Dusk Monethatchi and have several relatives that work for the Chicka-

saw Nation by the last names of Carney, Underwood and Hamilton. We attend the Underwood-Hamilton Reunion every year but this year may be different because my daughter is having major spine surgery this month. My Grandmother is Era Mae Carney of Ardmore, OK., and my father is Charles Tyson of Oklahoma City, OK. My name is Donna Clifton and I have a 12-year-old daughter named Jessica Magen Shaw. She is 4'6" and weighs 80 lbs. She was diagnosed with scoliosis in the beginning of February of this year thru the screening at her school. I took her to several doctors for multiple opinions

and they all came back the same. The curvature of her spine is so severe, 56 degrees, that only surgery can help it. She is having spinal surgery on March 26th at Baptist Hospital by Dr. William Herndon. They will fuse together several of her vertebrae just below her neck and also in her lower back. They are going to stabilize it with rods and pins. She will be in ICU for about 3 days and then moved to a regular room. She will have to be home schooled for about 6 weeks. I was not aware that if scoliosis runs in your family that you should have your child, especially if they are girls, checked every 6 months. I am a bus

driver for the Choctaw/Nicoma Park schools and cannot take off of work for 6 weeks to care for her. Her father, Richard Shaw, can only take off for a week. My husband, Tony, is a mail carrier for Del City and his boss is only going to allow him to take off for 2 weeks. We are a family of 6, Tony Clifton (stepfather), Jordan Tyson (brother) age 16, Amber Clifton (sister) age 13, and Anthony Clifton (brother) age 11. We have lived in Choctaw, OK. for about 7 years and attend Choctaw Road Baptist Church. Jessica is in the 6th grade and loves to play basketball and has been a cheerleader for the past 4 years for James Griffith Intermediate School. For a

young girl, this is a huge burden to bear. We are trying to keep a positive attitude around her but as a mother, I am worried out of my mind. We have set up an account at First National Bank of Midwest City, Acct. 9-088-892 for donations. We are hoping that the people of Oklahoma will help us with their prayers and thoughts. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Below is a picture of my daughter, Jessica. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely, Donna Clifton
405-391-7820 home
16700 SE 44th, Choctaw, OK.
73020

Letter to the Editor:

The Owl Lives On

James M. Collins was born into a Colbert family that has deep Chickasaw roots. Like many Depression era kids in Oklahoma, he learned bird hunting to contribute to the family table. He went on to do many things, all of them honorable. He was a good husband, father, grandfather, soldier, citizen, and friend. He kept the love of hunting and appreciation of nature throughout his life. As years passed, and hunting became difficult, he found enjoyment by watching birds, identifying them, giving them feed and water. When his heart began to fail him, the variety of winged visitors to the birdbath outside the window held his attention.

As the end of James' life drew near, Mae, his wife of almost 60 years, was always by his side. His dear sister Sallie came for weeks at a time to help. The two "girls" had been pals since high school, and had been roommates as young women. They kept James company, and spent many hours sharing stories. A couple of days before the end came, when he was alone with Mae or Sallie, James asked each of them if they could hear something outside. After listening, each of them said that they heard an owl. An owl was hooting in the daytime, in urban San Antonio. The rest of the family had never seen or heard an owl in the city before.

After James passed away, the family became intrigued by

the owl phenomenon. James Jr. had observed an owl on a fence post, watching him as he drove home from a visit with Mae. Mae recalled a book with an owl in the title. After some searching, I Heard the Owl Call My Name, by Margaret Craven, was discovered. Some copies were located and shared around the family. The story is about a missionary to a tribe in Western Canada. In it, an owl foretold the death of the main character. Contact with the Historical Society in Tishomingo confirmed that Chickasaws share that belief, especially when the owl is heard in daytime. The story continues.

The first Christmas following James' death, the family gathered at his son Jay's house. Jay lives directly across the street from his brother Jodie. After a bountiful supper, a walk through the neighborhood, to look at the Christmas lights, seemed like a good idea. Returning up the street where the two sons live, the happy clan looked skyward, and there, on a power line that spans the street, sat a very large owl, keeping watch over everyone.

Since Mae's birthday falls soon after Christmas, James always made an extra effort to make her day special. He did this, even when he was away, serving as a soldier in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. This past January, the family was together for Mae's birthday. The party, as usual, included good food, bad

singing, gag gifts, and favorite desserts. James Jr. and his wife stayed over that night. After all had gone to bed, just before midnight, as if to make note of the special day, an owl came calling,

and hooted several times.

Does James have an earthly presence among the birds he cared for? Is he close by his family, giving occasional reminders of his love for them?

What better form for a wise and patient man, a hunter. The thought of it gives comfort and peace.

Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing

For You.....

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing offers you a full range of home loan products in addition to the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan Program.

Did you know that on virtually every kind of loan the seller can pay part of your closing cost? Has anyone taken the time to sit down with you and explain the process from start to finish or exactly what your closing costs actually are? Would you like personal, one on one attention to every detail?

Did you know that the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing is your ONLY source for the Chuka Chukmasi Home Loan? HOWEVER, if you are Native American, and live in the Chickasaw Nation service area, we also have a loan product for you!

Chuka Chukmasi

For Chickasaws ANYWHERE IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES! Down payment and closing cost assistance is available. Homebuyer education is required!

HUD 184

Available to any Tribe living in the Chickasaw Nation service area. This is a Native American loan and allows part of the closing costs to be financed into the loan. Borrowers need 2-3% of the purchase price of their own funds. These may be gifted funds or even a grant from their own tribe. No second mortgages are allowed on this loan. Homebuyer education is required!

MyCommunityMortgage

This is community homebuyer loan. While there are income guidelines in certain areas, there are no income guidelines in underserved, low and moderate income or minority census tracts and central cities. Borrower investment can be as little as \$500 and community seconds are allowable as a source of funds for closing costs. Homebuyer education is required.

VA Loans

If you are a Native American Veteran and have never used your VA eligibility to purchase a home, you may do so through the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. VA Loans offer the veteran 100% financing.



'Employee,' 'Team of the Year' named at Health System



CNHS administrator Bill Lance presents Tomi Tice with the CNHS Employee of the Year award during a March 10 staff meeting at Carl Albert Hospital.

Tomi Tice, surgical nurse at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, was honored as Chickasaw Nation Health Service 2003 "Employee of the Year" during a March 10 staff meeting at the hospital.

Ms. Tice is also part of the Operating Room staff which was honored as CNHS "Team of the Year."

Employees of CNHS select the recipients of the awards from those previously honored for

"Employee Excellence of the Month" and Team Excellence of the Month."

One example of service "above and beyond" cited by Dale Babb, R.N., Deputy Director of Inpatient Services/Nurse Educator, involved two urgent cases that arrived near the end of a scheduled shift.

Several members of the staff voluntarily chose to stay on the job so they could use both operating rooms and get the surgery done in a timely manner.

"This action reduced overtime, patient delay for surgery, and a lengthy day of work for the on call crew," said Babb. "This is only one example out of many. They receive many positive comments from their patients and from the physicians they work with."

Jimmy Tignor, OR Unit Manager, said "This entire department is made up of people who not only care for our patients, but they care for each other and this department as well. I am very proud to be a small part of this wonderful team."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



CNHS 'Team of the Year'

Carl Albert Operating Room staff honored as CNHS Team of the Year during a March 10 staff meeting at Carl Albert Hospital include, back row from left, Kelly Bacon, Dr. Charles Whiting, Vicki Boissengin, Richard Handley, Dr. Richard McClain, Dr. James Williams, Mary Hampton and James Martin. Middle row, from left, Sandi Todd, Sheila Bennett, Dr. Joanne Chinnicci, Dr. John Harvey and Jimmy Tignor. Front row, from left, Brian Frazier, Brenda Feazle, Tomi Tice, Victoria Morgan, Johnna Grant and Janet Kovacs. Not pictured are Dr. Michael Black, Dr. Don Choe, Dr. Slade Howell, Gary Freeland, Jerry Gregory, Dr. David Frow, Darla Wolf, Mary Imler, Tom Schultz, Katie Isaacs, Judy Shulanberger, Dr. Paula Van Buskirk and Terry Sharp.

Fad diets don't work; healthy eating gets results

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Department celebrated National Nutrition Month during March. This year's theme was "Eat Smart, Stay Healthy," a nutrition education campaign sponsored by the American Dietetic Association (ADA). This message was designed to focus attention on the importance

of making informed choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

With so much attention being given to fad diets such as low-carb, low-fat, special food supplements, food bars, food drinks, food "pills," low-carb fast food, even low-carb ice cream, and special carbohydrate names like net carbs, impact carbs, and effective carbs consumers can become very confused about what eating healthy really means.



There is one question that must always be answered: can you eat this way for the rest of your life? Any special "diet" usually has a beginning point and an ending point. After the ending point, we usually resume our regular way of eating and slowly any weight lost comes back with more besides.

The guidelines recommended by the ADA and most registered dietitians are to be as active as possible and to choose from a variety of foods every day. One of the most important aspects to maintaining a healthy weight is selecting portion sizes that are moderate and learning to listen to our bodies which will actually tell us when we are no longer hungry and when it is time to quit eating!

Taking every opportunity to move more each day will eventually have a positive impact and

will help to use more calories each day. Parking further away from an entrance, marching in place while watching TV instead of sitting on the couch, and walking as much as possible are some ways to move more.

Regardless of the most attractive "diet" and how it is marketed the only way to lose weight is to "burn" more calories than we eat. By eating more moderate portions of all foods we eat, we will be reducing the number of calories eaten. By moving more each day we will be "burning" more of the calories eaten.

The only nutrients that supply calories to our bodies are protein, carbohydrates and fat. When reading the nutrition facts on the labels of foods notice the number of calories supplied by the total combination of all of these.

The Nutrition Services Department has many opportunities available to help individuals develop sound eating habits and

make informed food choices. Registered Dietitians are available and work with the Food Distribution, WIC, and Farmers' Market Programs which all provide nutrition education and nutritious foods to applicants who meet certain income guidelines. The newest program, called *Get Fresh*, began in March and offers a variety of learning opportunities and provides fresh fruits and vegetables to those who participate.

Everyone is invited to come by the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Centers located in Ada,

Ardmore, and Purcell to receive nutrition information. Anyone is welcome to attend any of the nutrition classes, cooking classes and demonstrations offered at various times throughout each month.

For more information about any of the nutrition programs and a schedule of events located in your area call the following numbers:

Ada Nutrition Center 888-436-7255, Ardmore Nutrition Center 877-897-2195, Purcell Nutrition Center 877-894-7817

Rabies clinic May 7

ADA — Free rabies vaccinations will be available 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. May 7 at the Chickasaw Nation Office of Environmental Health, 1520 Country Club Road.

Owners must bring their CDIB cards to qualify pets for vaccina-

tions.

Approximately 200 to 250 vaccinations will be available on a first come, first served basis.

For information, call Lou Perry at (580) 436-7256.

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by a citizen. She encouraged the Legislators not to table this resolution. She regained the chair from the Secretary.

Mrs. Alexander stated she agreed with Mr. Seawright, however, the Chairperson also had good points about the board members having knowledge of electricity. She would like to see the boards expanded to include citizens. She asked for the names of the members who are serving on the boards.

Chairperson Briggs stated she would ask again for this information.

A vote was taken on the motion to table.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Wilson Seawright

2 yes votes

Members voting no:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker,

Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 no votes

The motion to table GR21-030 failed.

A roll call was taken on the motion to approve GR21-030.

Members voting yes:

Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

10 yes votes

Members voting no:

Beth Alexander, Wilson Seawright

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR21-030 carried.

Mrs. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 21-031, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from MegaBingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games for property in Love County, Oklahoma, containing 18 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust

for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-031. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-031 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-032, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in McClain County

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from MegaBingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games in McClain County, Oklahoma, containing 44.546 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-032. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-032 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-033, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Love County

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from MegaBingo, Inc., also operating as Multimedia Games in Love County, Oklahoma, containing 20 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-

033. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-033 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-034, Authorization for Acceptance of Real Property in Bryan County

This resolution approves the acceptance of real property as a gift from Southern Aggregates LP, a Texas Limited Partnership, containing approximately 60.0 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-034. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-034 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-035, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Marshall County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 300 acres, more or less, in Kingston, Marshall County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-035. Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo

Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-035 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-036, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing approximately 1,359 acres, more or less, in Davis, Murray County, Oklahoma. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-036. Mrs. McManus seconded the motion.

Mrs. Alexander noted this property was contiguous to Drake Farms.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-036 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-037, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, containing 1 acre, more or less, in Murray County, Oklahoma, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-037. Mr. Burris seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo

Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-037 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 21-038, Revocable Permit No. G09-1499 in Latimer County

This resolution approves Revocable Permit No. G09-1499 for seismic survey lines to cross property owned by the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in Latimer County, Oklahoma, containing 110 acres, more or less. This permit allows foot traffic only across said tract in order to perform vibration surveys upon adjacent land. The permit will cover a term of six months beginning at time of approval of this permit by signatures, with a one time payment of \$400.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive \$100.00.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR21-038. Mr. Tim Colbert seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve GR21-038 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker thanked Jessie Kemp and Cindy Johnson for providing information on these resolutions. She concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

Mrs. Green reported their committee had an informative meeting and concluded her report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Scott Colbert

No report.

(H) HISTORICAL CAPITOLAD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda

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Blackwood Scott
No report.

(I) ELECTION RULES AND PROCEDURES AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 21-014, Amendments to Title 2 and 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules and Procedures)

This resolution amends Title 2 and Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations. The Election Commission and Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar participated in the drafting of this Resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve PR21-014. Dr. Goforth Parker seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-014 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods thanked the committee members and the Election Commission and Election

Secretary for work and input of this legislation. He concluded his report.

(J) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 21-009, Amendments to Titles 5 and 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rules and Procedures for the Courts of the Chickasaw Nation)

This resolution amends language of Title 5 regarding the selection of Special Justices and Special Judges. This resolution also amends a section number, a chapter title and definitions in Titles 5 and 6.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert made a motion to approve PR21-009. Mrs. Green seconded the motion.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright,

Steve Woods, Linda Briggs
12 yes votes

The motion to approve PR21-009 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Briggs recognized the family of Ms. Monette Richardson and thanked them for attending the session.

Dr. Goforth Parker introduced

a new member of the security team, Paul Wilson.

Comments from Citizens

James A. Humes made comments regarding citizens who live outside the boundaries of the Nation receiving no services from the Nation. He also commented on the resolution that was submitted from the Oklahoma City Community Council requesting the Legislative Session date be changed, and on expanding the search for Chickasaws to serve on boards

and committees.

Mike Watson made comments regarding the mailing addresses pertaining to the Election Rules and Regulations.

AGENDA ITEM #8

ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers,
Recording Secretary Chickasaw
Tribal Legislature

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Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-044

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System

Lorinda Chancellor

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Lorinda Chancellor to the Governing Board of the Chickasaw Nation Health System. Ms. Chancellor will fill an unexpired term, beginning on October 1 of last year ending on October 1, 2006. She will represent the Tishomingo District.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 21-045

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Na-

tion, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a contract to acquire real property, containing 15.65 acres, more or less, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, located at 1630 E. Beverly and described as a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 6 East of the Indian Base Meridian, together with all the improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereunto. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented by: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs

Permanent Resolution Number 21-015

Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Children's Court Forms)

Explanation: This resolution amends the name of the Chickasaw Nation District Court on 2 forms provided in 2 sections of Title 6, Chapter 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

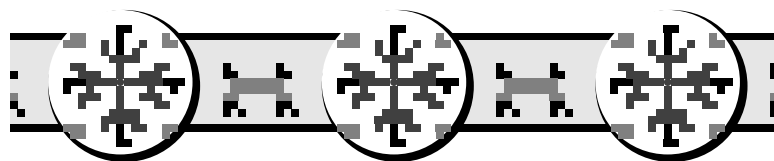
Requested by: Tim Colbert, Chairperson Court Development Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Tim Colbert, Chairperson Court Development

Ad Hoc Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Melvin Burris, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda

Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Linda Briggs



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Arlena Suley Townson



Mrs. Arlena Suley Townson of Lakeland, Fla., died of heart failure, Feb. 2, 2004 at Lakeland Regional Medical Center. She was 69.

She was born in Ardmore, Okla., on Feb. 7, 1934, she came to Lakeland from Tallahassee in 1975. She was a homemaker. She was a Baptist.

Mrs. Townson was preceded in death by her husband, Troy A. Townson.

She is survived by her sons, Monty W. Townson, Tampa, Fla., Marty L. Townson, Mulberry, Fla.; daughters, Marcella A. Hockett, Cross, S.C., Myra Jane Cantrell, Marita K. Meadows, both of Lakeland; brother,

Jack Vernon Craddock, Marietta, Okla.; sister, Cinderella Craddock, Norman, Okla., 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

Services were Feb. 5, 2004 at Gentry-Morrison Southside Funeral Home.

Malsie B. Cochran



Malsie B. Cochran, 86, of Talihina, Okla., died Feb. 14, 2004 at her home.

She was born Feb. 2, 1918 in Sulphur, Okla., to Abel B. and Jenny (Gilbert) Brown.

She married Zeke Cochran in 1954. She moved to Talihina in 1953 and was employed at the PHS Indian Hospital in the food service department until retirement. She was an active member of the Green Hill Baptist Church for 35 years and a

Sunday School teacher until her health no longer permitted her to participate.

She is survived by five children, Tia Juanna Kaye Hickman of Panama, Okla., Leslie Dale Clark of Fittstown, Okla., Lewallyn Cochran of Girard, Ill., Molette Cochran of Carlsbad, N.M., Martha Joreen Johnson of the home; two sisters, Leona Farve of Ardmore, Okla., and Lena Faye George of Garden City, Mo.; 18 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; six stepchildren and numerous other family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Zeke Cochran; four sisters, Gladys Compala, Ruby Smith, Mary Lois Wall and Julie Blue; and one infant child, Jennie.

Pallbearers were Sammy Hickman, Brett Clark, Trevor Clark, Jeremy Cochran, Joshua Cochran and Barry Johnson. Honorary pallbearers were Clinton Bradley, Thomas Barnard and Jared Clark.

Services were Feb. 18, 2004 at the Greenhill Baptist Church with her son, Leslie D. Clark and her grandson, Seneca I. Johnson officiating. Interment took place at the New Talihina Cemetery under the direction of Talihina Funeral Home.

Winston Gray



Winston Gray, 72, died March 8, 2004 in Oklahoma City. He was born October 19, 1931 in Eastman, Oklahoma to Cecil and Josie (Bass) Gray.

He was united in marriage on July 29, 1961 in Oklahoma City to Mary Leathers.

He served his country proudly in the United States Air Force. He owned and operated Gray Cartage Co. for 45 years delivering welding supplies to various

businesses. He had many hobbies that he enjoyed with his grandchildren including hunting, camping, fishing, and four wheeling.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Gray; three daughters, Amie Leonetti and husband Richard of Oklahoma City, Holly Whiting and husband Clay of Choctaw, Okla., and Robyn Gray of Oklahoma City; one brother, Ty Gray and wife Esther of Oklahoma City; one sister, Peggy Shreve of Stillwater, Okla.; and seven grandchildren, Tommy Gray, Amanda, Daniel, Jessica, Rachel, Winston, and Elizabeth Whiting.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Ina Hayes and Helen Elliott; and two brothers, Reggy Gray and Joe Gray.

Funeral services were March 11, 2004 at Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with interment following in Resthaven Memory Gardens under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mildred Davis

Mildred Davis, 94, Tishomingo, Okla., died March 4, 2004.

She was born Feb. 14, 1910 at Brown, Okla..

Services were conducted March 8, 2004 at Campbell-Watts Funeral Home Chapel, Tishomingo, with the Rev. Kenneth McCarthick officiating. Interment took place in Tishomingo Cemetery.

She attended Bloomfield Indian Academy, Ardmore, Okla., and Oklahoma Presbyterian College (OPC), an Indian School in Durant, Okla.

She married Osler Washington in 1927 and Jesse Davis in 1937.

She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Tishomingo.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mark and Lillie (McCoy) Sharp; her husbands, Osler Washington; Jesse Davis; and one sister, Ruby Kiersey.

She is survived by her daughter, Waukera Hanlin of Milburn, Okla.; and her sister, Opal Graham of Dallas, Texas.

Casket bearers were Bobby McGlocklin, Ronnie Keeling, Jerry Keel, Larry Rowland, Lee Cargill and Tommy Keel. Honorary casket bearers were Keith Parks, Troy Butler, Tommy But-

Dena Y. Anderson

Memorial services for Dena Y. Anderson, of Verden, Okla., were March 3, 2004 at First Baptist Church, Verden, with the Rev. Johny Wray officiating.

She died Feb. 28, 2004 at Chickasha, Okla.

She was born Dec. 31, 1931 to Robert Gibson of Marlow, Okla., and Ada Y. Haggard Ward of Chickasha in Gladewater, Texas.

She was active in sports. She the first woman to receive a general contractor's license in the State of California. She was a little league coach, Cub Scout leader and a retired executive secretary. She loved gardening, fishing, crafts and sewing.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, William Eads in 1973; three brothers; her parents; her adoptive parents, Raymond Ward and Maudie Haggard Ward of Blythe, Calif.

She is survived by her husband, William Anderson; five brothers, Bobby Shahan of Chickasha, Jack and Shirley Ward of Verone, Mo., Roy and Vera Ward of Chickasha, William Gibson of Blanchard, Okla., and Dante Gibson of Marlow, Okla.; two sisters, Betty Fergeson of Chickasha and Linda Wilmoth of Marlow; four children, C. Wayne Eads of Lakeside, Calif., Katrina "Kay" and Benjamin Mayes, Sr., of Verden, Roger and Becky Eads of Paducah, Ky., and Candace and Tom Apple of Wixon, Mich; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Delores Landruff Escamilla

Delores Landruff Escamilla died Feb. 6, 2004 in Orange County, California after a lengthy illness. She was born Oct. 14, 1943 in Ardmore, Okla.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Shawn in 1968 and Russell in 1988.

She is survived by her husband, Manuel Escamilla; and two brothers, Robert and Byron Landruff.

Interment took place in Garden of Peace, Bakersfield,



In Memory of Mom

Thank you Lord for my dear Mother.
She gave us her best, through & through.

She shared God's love with us,
so on this day on this day we would
know what to do.

She gave us so many happy memories.

As you so often do Lord.
She forgave us when we were wrong,
Just as you do Lord.

She held us when we were sad
just as are now
she fed us to make us strong
just like you Lord, for the strength to carry on

This parting is a sweet sorrow.
By your grace we will all face tomorrow.
May we always share God's love,
his words in praise and song.

May God our heavenly father,
pour out a blessing for each of you
Sharing this day with our family.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him, Shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

